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to December 12th 1877

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Augst 26 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Seniors Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending August 26. 1899.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

August 25- 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 24th inst. asking explanation of the charge for 1,000 feet of gas in voucher "7" of Subsidiary Silver Coinage account marked "based to record" has been received.

In explanation I would state, that meter No. 8,- the largest in this Mint- ceased, from some defect in it, to record the consumption of gas from April 5th to May 20th 1877- when it was discovered- the meter removed and a new one substituted which works well.

Mr. John McGinnes, one of our

Keech Engineers, who has charge of the gas meters, with the Gas Inspector of the Gas Company, made then a careful examination of the amount usually registered by that meter for a corresponding period and found the average amount at 1800 feet and he is of opinion that the amount is just and proper, and below the average consumption; and in this I concur after full hearing and explanation.

Where meters cease to operate the amount consumed is ascertained by average and charged in the bill, as in the one to which you refer ceased to record.

The charge is fair, and in the usual

usual form. I can precisely similar occurred in my house a few months ago. The meter ceased to record - It was removed - and the amount consumed during cessation of record ascertained by comparison and paid accordingly.

Very Respectfully
Jas Brady
Supt

R. L. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Augt 25 7

Sir

The semi-metallic
rocks in your minerals, which
you supposed to be nickel, are
only sulphide of iron. Such
stones are very common, and
of no value.

Respt yours

Jas Booth
Supt

Mr J. M. Weaver
Lehighton
Penna

August 27 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith a return invoice for stationery supplied to this Mint, and receipted for August 24. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
John Sherman.
Secy of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Telegram.

Phila August 27. 1877.

Hon. A. R. Linderman
U. S. Mint San Francisco.

No such letter or reply can be found on our files or records.

Jos. Pollock
Supt

(Telegram) Phila August 27 th 1877

Gen. O'H Lagrange.
Supt U. S Mint
San Francisco.

No such letter or reply can be found on our files or records.

Jos. Pollock
Supt

August 27 7

Sir.

Upon examination we find that the ore enclosed in yours of the 17 ult. does not contain gold or silver.

As the Mint only tests ore for gold or silver, if you wish it tested for other metals, you will have to send samples to private assayers.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

Mr.
D. W. Wood
Gold Hill
Grant Co
N. T.

Aug. 28th 7

Gentlemen.

In reply to your letter of the 25th inst. requesting to be informed as to the mode of calculating Assays, I beg to state that we ascertain the weight of metals therein thus.

Nos. 1316 no. Contain 4572 pounds, net. The Assayer's report states that this lot assays, Gold 1.17 ; Silver nil. 649 grains fine. Multiply the net weight 4572 pounds, by 1.17 Grains Gold per pound, equal to 5349.240 Grains fine which divided by 480, the number of grains in 1 troy ounce, gives 11.149 Oz. fine. or 12.382 Oz. Std. Gold Contained in the aforesaid 10 Bars.

P.S. I also enclose a letter and statement from the Assistant Assayer, explaining his mode of Calculating, taking for an example 1 Barrels Nos 121 to 130

Jas. Pollock

The Silver is computed in the same manner.

For your further information I enclose to you a certified Copy of our Assayer's Report of the Entire lot of Ores I sold you, which at your leisure you might Compute in the above manner and Compare the result with our statement forwarded you and on which your bid was made.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs. Howard & Mohr
No. 1 John St.
N.Y.

August 28 1837

Sir.

The following are the weights of the current gold and silver coins of the U. S.

Gold.

Double Eagle	516 gr.	Eagle	258 gr.
Half do	129.	3 dollar	77.4 "
One fourth do	64.5.	Dollar	25.8 "

Silver.

Trade Dollar	420 gr.	¼ Dollar	96.75 gr.
Half do	192 gr.	Dime	38.7 "
20 cent piece	77.16.		

Very Respectfully

J. R. Poinsett

Sec. of War

Mr. N. G. Pigot Esq.
Springfield
Mass.

$338,579 83/100

Aug. 28th 7

Sir.

I enclose Check No. 6869 on A. T. & S. F. New York, for Three Hundred thirty eight Thousand Five Hundred Seventy nine 83/100 Dollars Gold Coin in payment for Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal. Please receipt therefor in duplicate for same enclosed

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Ellard
Supt

R. B. Lewis Esq
Cashier, Bank of
New York

Aug. 28th 7

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 6869. favor R. B. Lewis, Cashier Bank of New York, for $338.579 83/100 Dolls. Gold Coin.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Brooks

Supt

Hon. Thos. T. Hillhouse

Asst. Treas. U.S.

New York.

Augst 28 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward.

1. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during July 1877.

2. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of gold and silver bullion during the month of July 1877.

3. Statement of Bars manufactured during the month of July 1877.

Very Respectfully

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

August 28 7

Sir.

I have appointed George K. Thomas, as a laborer in the general department of this Mint, at $2.75 per diem, to take effect September 8. 1877. and submit the same for approval.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

August 29 7

Gentlemen.

In reply to yours of the 28th inst I would state, that you could deposit your silver as bullion at the Mint, and receive the proceeds in Gold Coin, or five bars, which you could sell to Brokers for currency. There is no law authorizing us to convert silver bullion into subsidiary coin for private depositors, but only for the Government.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

E. Offenhauser Esq
Baltimore.

August 29 7

Sir.

In accordance with the nomination of the Coroner, herewith enclosed, (at the request of Acting Secretary of the Treasury, Hon. R. C. McCormick), I have appointed Mrs. Ray Huntley, an Adjuster in the Coroners Department, at $1.75 per diem, to take effect September 3 d, next and submit the same for approval.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Reed

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Leiderman

Director of the Mint

Washington.

Aug. 29th 1

Sir

Will you please cause the sum of $375.000- Silver Coin, to be transferred from our Silver Profit Fund to the credit of the U. S. Bullion Fund, by the issue of a Certificate of Deposit and Transfer Order, in the usual way.

Very Respectfully

J. V. Hoyt

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Aug. 30th

Sir

Your letter of yesterday with enclosures received.

There is no error in either the weight or the value of the Silver purchased. The Standard Weight is Oz. 320.170.06 which reduced to fine Wt. is 288.153.05 @ 117½ ¢ per ounce equals $ 338.579.83 the amount Cr'd you. I suppose you did not observe that the weight read, "three hundred and twenty thousand one hundred and seventy" ~~Dollars~~ ounces which equals 288.153 05 fine oz. An Assay Memorandum has been forwarded you. Very Respectfully

R. B. Fine Esq
Cashier
Bank of New York.

[illegible] Supt

Augusta Oct 7

Sir.

I forward to day, by the Adams Express, to your address, two pieces in copper from each of the Specimen dies for the 50c. piece. as requested in your letter of the 27th ult.

Express receipt enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq

Acting Director Mint

Washington

D.C.

Dr. Joseph W. Parmum Augt 30 1

Camden N. J.

Sir,

As you have had large expeience in buying Mint sweeps on your own account, and in selling them as a factor of the Mint, and have retired from the business, you can give a fair answer to the following inquiries.

1. What precautions did you take, in sampling and selling sweeps, in Europe.

2. Would it be safe or proper to act without such precautions.

3. Have you ever had any difficulty with smelters in Sheffield, especially.

Your answer will much oblige, yours

J. W. Pollock
Supt D.

August 30 7

Sir.

We have received by mail a package or one, marked "Prarie Du Rocher", but with no letter of advice with it, or name, but supposing it to be from you, I write to say, that it is of no value, being only ordinary ferruginous rock, with a little mica.

Very Respectfully

J. K. Bisch
Asst

Mr.
John W. Bowman.
Prarie Du Rocher.

Ills

Aug. 30th

Sir

I transmit herewith Ch. No. 1243 for $5000— Currency deposited this day for exchange in Subsidiary Silver Coin.

Very Respectfully

[redacted]
Dep

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treas Depr U.S.
Washington
DC

Augst 21 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 20th inst, inclosing $5,00 to pay for assaying samples of ore sent by you to the Mint, has been received. Endorsed I return the money for reasons stated in my letter to you of the 20th inst.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr.
John W. Bowman
Prairie Du Rocher
Ills.

Augt 31 /

Sir

The two-cent piece sent by you, is genuine; returned herewith.

Respy yours

Supt.

Wm H Craig Esq
25 West 12th St.
New York

August 31 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed, for month ending August 31. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Telegram) U. S. Mint.

August 31. 1877

Thos. L. Action.

Supt U. S. Assay Office.

New York.

As the shipment of Trade Dollars of to day all right examined.

J. W. Pollock.

Supt

Aug. 31st 1

Sir

I report the Bullion Fund at the close of business to day thus

Gold $	2.119.340.74	
Silver	1.178.549.36	3.297.890.10

Distributed Approximately thus

Gold Coin	1.177.393.04
Do. Bullion	770.947.70
Silver Coin	252.534.26
Do. Bullion	896.015.10

Very Respectfully

Jno. Hough

Supt

Hon N.R. Lindeman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Aug. 31st 1

Sir

I forward herewith my Pc.
of Refining Expenses for the
Current month

Very Respectfully
J. C. Reed
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 10th 7

Sir.

At the close of business this day, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following results.

Gold.	$1,176,758.01
Silver.	252,209.58
Refining Parting &c.	451.84
Ordinary &c. Regular.	8,026.54
Minor Coinage.	58,818.50
Minor Coins Exchanged,	4,667.54
as as Reissued,	18,710.00
Minor Coinage Redemption.	228,409.89
	$1,837,555.90

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination

into the general condition
and operations of the Mint,
and the Institution was found
to be in good working order,
and its business conducted
in a careful and satisfactory
manner.

Very Respectfully
J. Ross Snowden
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept. 1st 7

Sir

Replying to yours of yesterday I have to state that we shall receive through the Express Co. the deposit of John M. Allen for Coinage or Commission into bars. Please send said M. Allen's signature identified in the usual way.

Very Respy

Jas Pollock
Supt

Frantze & Bro.
72 Wall st.
New York

If Contractors shall be entitled deposit & Assay charges

Sept 1 7

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th ult, enclosing one from the Supt of the U. S. Mint at Carson, complaining of the steel used here in the manufacture of the coinage dies, has been received.

I referred the letter to our Engraver, and his letter, in reply, is herewith enclosed; and his statements are confirmed by Mr. Downing, Foreman of Coining Room, and others therein employed.

The dies are made from the same steel - forged by the same blacksmith - turned and prepared by the same assistants

in the Engravers room - and receive the same treatment indiscriminately, without selection, that the dies sent to Carson do, except the hardening. The latter is, doubtless, the seat and cause of the fracture of the dies, connected with, in all probability, a want of proper care and attitude in setting them in the press. The dies are too much hardened, as is evident from the character of the fracture.

Great care and skill are needed in the process of hardening dies. The suggestions of the Engraver on this point deserve careful examination and prompt adoption.

Our dies here work and

wear admirably.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq

Acting Director Mint

Washington

D.C.

Sept 1 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed, for week ending Sept 1. 1877.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Telegram

U. S. Mint. Phila Sept 1st 7

Thomas C. Acton, Supt. Assay office, New York

Ship bag of $20 dollars Monday morning to us— the same ship bag of two dollars to your name morning.

Jas. Pollock
Supt U. S Mint

Sept 1 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Statement of Minor Coins redeemed, reissued and exchanged, during August 1877.

Also, for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Mint and Coinage operations for the same month.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 1 7

Sir

I enclose a copy of a communication of this date, received from Mr. Jas C. Boyle, Redemption Clerk, Mint & Bonded Department, setting forth our great want of vault room in this institution for the storage of such coins, and suggesting that authority be obtained from the Treasury Department to transfer $100,000. of the op pieces (legal money, and reissuable) to this Mint Treasurer at Philadelphia.

I fully approve his suggestions, as our vaults are full to their and cannot safely receive

of the minor coins daily redeemed.

The new vaults at the Sub-Treasury here, are large-capacious, and will hold safely all the coin that can or will be sent there. The sum of $150,000. could be transferred as so much money and held for circulation; or if it should be deemed advisable to recoin or melt the same, and sell the product, it could be returned to the Mint for that purpose.

Some remedy must be provided for our safety here in the redemption and storage of these coins.

I most respectfully ask the immediate attention of the

Treasury Department to this matter. Please advise with the Treasurer U.S. at Ich me know what to do in the premises.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 3 7

Sir.

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $34,500. for the service of this Mint for the month of September inst. out of the following appropriations.

Salaries	$3,500
Wages	25.000
Incidentals	6.000

The usual promptness in remitting will be very acceptable.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
D. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Sept 8 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Official Oath of Mrs Ray Huntley, Adjuster in the Coiners Department of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 3 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 1st inst. with the blanks for the annual list of officers, clerks and employees of the Mint, came to hand this morning, but the "circular letter of the Register of the Treasury" mentioned in your letter was not received.

Will you please supply the omission.

The required list will be forwarded at the time specified.

Very Respectfully

R. E. Preston. Esq. Supt

Acting Director Mint

Washington. D.C.

Sept 8 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 1st inst, has been received.

The two iron pots you send us, do not answer our purpose, not because the handles were misplaced, but because they are too shallow by about three inches. They should be three inches higher above the handles, with the usual flare at the top, and I accept your offer to send me two new ones in their place.

I enclose for your information, copy of a letter on the subject from our Melter & Refiner. Very

Very Respectfully
J. B. Hood
Lt. P.

Messrs.
Kennard Brothers.
New York.

Sept. 3rd 1

Sir;

In reply to your letter of August 28th with regard to the reported shortage of $ 34 75/100 in $ 1000 subsidiary Silver Coin forwarded to your Bank, I herewith enclose for your information a letter from Mr. Geo. C. Thompson, Supt. of the Mint Department of the Adams Express Company, stating what steps have been taken to trace out this robbery.

I have further to add that the Mint and the U. S. Govmt. are not responsible for this loss, and decline to make it good. The full amount of $ 1.000 subsidiary Silver Coin of the denominations called for, properly weighed, boxed, sealed and directed

was delivered to the Adams Express Company and left the Mint in good order. There our responsibility ceases and you must look to the Express Companies alone for redress.

The Authorities at Washington have decided to the same effect

Very Respectfully

Supt.

L. L. Smith Esq. Cas.
Winterset
Iowa.

Sept 4 7

Sir.

Inclosed herewith I forward Official oaths of Geo K. Thomas, Laborer, general department, Chief Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Sept 4 7

Sir

Your minerals are of no value, although some of them ~~have~~ have specks of pyrites, looking much like gold. The red or brown variety has iron in it.

Respy yours

[illegible]

Mr James Bowels
New Richmond
Wisco

Sept. 5th 7

Sir.

Yours of yesterday to hand (3rd). We cannot under any circumstances receive Coin simply as a deposit, as a bank would. As stated in my former letter, we can only receive Coin for recoinage or conversion into bars, and then only as a deposit from the Express Co. I enclose you a printed circular on this subject.

Very Respectfully
Yours
Supt

Kountze Bros.
Bankers
New York.

N. B. The Express Co. must follow in order to get your

Sept 5 7

Gentlemen.

We could only convert your old silver into five cents, or Trade Dollars, there being no law or regulation by which we can exchange subsidiary silver coin for silver deposited.

We coin subsidiary silver coin for the Government only, and can be procured from the Mint in accordance with the enclosed circular.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Messrs.

Gratiot & Co

Baltimore

Md

Sept 5 7

Sir.

Yours of the 4th inst has been received.

I know of no mining operations, such as you mention, nearer than Colorado, or the Black Hills. Placer and sluice mining was carried on some time ago in Georgia, but I believe have now ceased. Sluice mining was also prosecuted at one point in Vermont, but whether still continued I can not say.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Moore. Esq
Bellefonte
Pa

Lieut

Sept. 5th 7

Sir

Permit me to inform you that my letter of Aug. 29th requesting the transfer of $370.000. from the Silver Profit Fund to the Bullion Fund, and to you directed, has not yet been responded to by the Treasurer of the U.S. & it is desirable that this transfer should be made before the close of the present quarter, I will thank you to look after the matter, when convenient.

Very Respy

J. W. Wood

Supt.

Hon. H.R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

Sept. 6th 7

William Barber,
Engraver.

Sir,

You will prepare, and forward at once, to the San Francisco Mint, Twenty Four (24) obverse Trade Dollar dies.

Yours Respectfully
[signature]
Supt.

Sept. 6th. 7

Gent,

I have examined your bill for two Iron Pots, for the sulphuric process of refining, dated May 29, 1877. and find it correct. It will, of course, be necessary to send us duplicate bills of the same, receipted by the Firm (not by an agent or clerk) and we will send them to Washington for payment.

In relation to your letter of 4th Sept., I beg to say that altho. the Pots in question are not of the form we prefer, yet, as we can make some use of them, we will retain them. When we wish for other Pots of our preferred form, we would not be authorized to have a pattern made at the expense of the

Govt, and then left in the hands of other persons, as you suggest, for our use, when we need it, but we should of course retain the pattern, & have the castings made in this city, under our own inspection. By this course of procedure we can control the quality of Iron, & have the pattern modified according to experience gained in the use of the apparatus.

Thanking you for your offer, to hold the pattern and procure castings from it, we respectfully decline it.

Yours Respectfully

Jos Saxton
Supt

To

Messrs. Abendroth Bros'
109 & 111 Beekman St.
New York.

Sept. 6th 7

Sir,

Enclosed I forward Reports, of the Melter and Refiner, of his Bullion operations, in Gold and Silver Melting for the month of August; together with a copy of his explanatory letter.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Ellwood

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D. C.

Sept 7. 1877

The following report of the Assayer of the U. S. Assay Office New York, of the assay of test coins issued at this Mint in August 1877, has been handed to the Coiner, Assayer, and Melter & Refiner.

Denomination.	Weight. grs dec.	Fineness gold.	silver.
Double Eagle	515. 8	900.	7
Trade Dollar.	420.	.2	899.4
Half do	192.40	.0	900.2
Quarter do	97.	.2	900.7
Dime	38.7	.2	901.4

James Pollock
Supt

Sept 7 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 4th inst has been received.

The names of the persons to whom you can send ores to be assayed, and as follows.

1. Booth & Garrett
   Bank Street
   Philadelphia.

2. Prof. L. M. Genth.
   University of Penna.
   Philadelphia.

They are skillful and reliable assayers. Their terms you can ascertain by writing to them.

Very Respectfully

A. E. Smith
Supt

Mr. David W. Wise.
Gold Hill. Nev.

Sept 7 7

Sir.

Your inquiry of the 6th inst. has been received.

Trade Dollars and silver half dollars are of equal fineness; that is, each contains 900 parts pure metal, and 100 parts alloy. The Trade Dollar weighs 420 grains; and two half dollars 385.8 grains. The value is a complex question; legally, two halves pass for a dollar, up to five dollars; the Trade Dollar the same, with the same limitation, - but intrinsically & in a foreign market, the value, of course, is as 385.8 to 420 per cent.

Respectfully
J. A. Bentley

Mr. E. St. John.
New York.

Sept 7 7

Sir

In compliance with your requisition of the 6th inst. I have to day forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Company, twenty four (24) Assorted Trade Dollar dies.

There is no imperfection in the steel. The whole trouble lies in the treatment to which the dies are subjected after they reach San Francisco.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint

Sept 7 77

Sir

Enclosed I forward Silver Workings Coiners Department for August 1877.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickcox

Actg Supt

Hon.

W. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Sept 8 77

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward.

1. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during August 1877.

2. Statement of gold and silver of Domestic Production deposited during August 1877.

3 Statement of Bars manufactured during August 1877.

Very Respectfully

N Atkinson

Acting Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington.

Sept 8 7

Sir

Yours of the 6th inst, has been received.

The Mint Cabinet of coins is the largest in the United States, so very full and complete, that we do not make any purchases unless coins of very great rarity and offered, and of which we have no specimens. It is not probable that you have any that we would need.

Very Respectfully
R E Kirkwood
Acting Supt

Mr.
E. B. Kerbin.
Dover, Del.

Sept 8 77

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending September 8. 1877.

Very Respectfully
H E Hickox
Acting Supt

Asst.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C.

Sept 8 7

Sir.

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury b/d of this date for $192.42 cents on a/c of parting, refining and bar charges.

Very Respectfully
R. C. Kinkead
Actg Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 10 7

Sir

In the temporary absence of Lt. Gov. Pollock, Supt of the Mint, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst, and to state, in reply, that when not pressed by regular business, the Mint makes assays of ores, as a public accommodation, to ascertain whether they contain gold or silver, but not for other metals. The charge is $5. pre paid, for each specimen assayed. To cover the cost of the assay, half a pound of your ore will be sufficient, if it be a fair

average

average specimen. If the ore is found in this State (Penn'a) let me suggest that you be not sanguine of a good return of silver.

You may expect a report of the assay in about two weeks after the ore is received, perhaps earlier, if other duties permit.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickcox
Actg Supt.

E. E. Orvis Esq
Bloomsburg
Pa

Sept 10 7

Sir.

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst, I herewith forward the following statements.

1. Expenditures on account of contingent Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1877; giving article, quantity and price

2. Expenditures on account of the manufacture of subsidiary silver coin for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1877; giving article, quantity, and price.

The remaining statements called for in the Directors letter of the 20th of February last

will be forwarded at an
early day.

Very Respectfully
H C Kinsolving
Acting Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 11 7.

Sir

In compliance with your requisition of the 10th inst, I have to day issued an order on Mr Moses Phillips, the manufacturer, No 113 south Delaware Avenue, for one barrel Deck bond ask, for the U. S. Assay Office, at Helena, Montana, as per your directions.

The bond ask heretofore forwarded to that Assay office, was such as we used at this Mint, and the cupels were wrapped up separately in loose cotton, and carefully packed in a strong box, and that box

securely placed in a larger box, with large, padded fire mittens packed loosely between, to lessen the jarring in going over rough roads.

Very Respectfully
H C Wilson
Acting Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D C.

(Telegram) Sept 11 1877

Director of the Mint.

Washington. D. C.

Approximate amount of uncoined silver in our bullion fund nine hundred thousand ounces standard.

H. E. Hickox

Acting Supt. Mint

Sept 11 7

Sir

In reply to your Telegram to day, I send you the following message by wire.

"Approximate amount of uncoined silver in our bullion fund, Nine hundred thousand ounces standard."

Very Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Acting Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq

Acting Director Mint

Washington

D. C.

Sept 12 7

Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst was duly received.

You can procure a copy of the last Mint report by addressing a note to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. by whom you will be supplied.

We have no pattern pieces for sale or distribution. Whether there will be any in the future can not now be determined

Very Respectfully

N. Michler

Acting Supt

Mr.

H. P. Smith.

New York.

Telegram.

September 13th 7

Treasurer United States.

Washington D.C.

One thousand Dollars silver coin, sent by Express and Yellow Stage, Hastings Wisconsin, on Express Letter number six teen thirty two. Dispatch twenty seventh, dont forget there. Send us correct address by wire.

H. L. Hackett

Acting Capt. Asst.

Telegram.

September 12th 7

Treasurer United States

Washington D.C.

One thousand Dollars silver coin, sent to Farmers and Traders Bank, Hastings Michigan, on transfer letter number sixteen thirty two, August twenty seventh, dont belong there. Send us correct address by wire.

H. G. Kinsley

Acting Supt. Mint.

Sept 10 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 10th inst. has been received to day.

I received a transfer letter from the Treasury U. S. for $1.000 silver coin for your Bond, on the 11th of Sept inst. and shipped the coin to you, by the Adams Express Co, the next day, Sept 12th. Our uniform rule is to forward silver coin the day after I receive the order from Washington.

Very Respectfully

D. S. Scales Esq

Governor

Iowa

Jas Pollard

Supt

Sept 13 77

Sir

I herewith forward to your office for payment, the receipted bill in duplicate, of Messrs Abendroth Brothers, No 109 Beekman Street, New York, for $19.25 for two iron Kettles for melting gold, for the Melter and Refiners Department of this Mint.

The articles were furnished in May last, but the bill only presented now, when too late to be paid here, out of our appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1877.

A draft for the amount can

be forwarded to me, or
mailed direct to Abendroth
Brothers, New-York.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Bell
Supt

Hon.
D. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Sept 19 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 10th inst. has been received.

The Mint does not receive for coinage a less amount of silver than one hundred dollars in value, nor is it lawful for us to recoin mutilated silver coins of a date subsequent to April 1, 1873.

I enclose a Mint circular for your information.

If the dimes and half dimes referred to in your letter do not amount to $100, you could dispose of them to dealers in bullion.

Very respectfully
J. H. Coyle
Asst

Messrs.
P. G. & S. Small.
York Pa.

Sept 13 77

Gentlemen.

Your receipted bill in duplicate of the 29th of May last against this Mint, enclosed in your letter of the 7th inst, for $19.25 for two iron kettles for melting gold, has been forwarded to the Treasury Department at Washington, for payment; our accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1877, having been closed, and there being no fund in my hands that can be applied to the payment of bills of that year. You will in due time receive a Treasury draft for the amount.

Very

Very Respectfully.

Jos. Holt

Sup.

Messrs.
Aldendorf Brothers.
New York.

Sept 15 7

Sir

Referring to your letter (A.L.P) of the 13th inst, calling for a report of Furniture and Fixtures in this Mint, I have to request a supply of blanks for that purpose, if you have any. The desired report will then be made out and forwarded.

The Department Instructions of June 18. 1877, mentioned in your letter, were never received at this office.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

R. E. McCormick

Asst Secy Treasury.

Sept. 14 7

Sir,

We saw that your rock was not worth assaying, & sent the money back. The small "chip" that you got out of the same, and have sent in your letter just received, is simply iron, as you might see by touching it with a magnet. The rock has not been kept.

Respy yours

Jas. Pollock

Mr G.W. Lance
Cave Ark.

Sept 14 7

Sir.

The duties of Frank S. Thompson, assistant redemption clerk, in the general department of this Bureau, have, from the necessity of the case been considerably enlarged, & have increased his compensation from $3,00 to $4,00 per diem, to date from the 1st of September inst, and submit the same for your approval. (Subject to your approval.)

I have also, changed his official title to "Assistant to Book Keeper." He will continue to perform full service as usual in the redemption office

in addition to his other duties. He is faithful, accurate and reliable.

I have also increased the compensation of Charles A Bashfield, Counter in the Coiners department, from $1,50 to $2,75 per diem, to date from September 1st inst. and submit the same for your approval. This increase is made to equalize the compensation of the male counters.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Kimball

Supt

Hon.

A. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Sept. 11th 77

Sir

I transmit herewith my a/c of Ordinary Expenses for August 1877

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Sept 15 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending September 15. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Sept 15

Sir

I have appointed
Miss. Anna McClelland.
Miss. Christina Smith, and
Miss Irene Barnard,
as Adjusters in the Examiners
department of this Office, at
$1.75 per diem, each, to take
effect upon confirmation, and
submit the same for approval.

The Examiners nominations
of these appointees, and herewith
enclosed.

I also enclose two communications from the Examiner showing the absolute necessity of
these additions to our operative

force.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Beach
Supt

Hon.
N. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Sept 15 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 12th inst has been received.

The "3 S. 8" in my letter of the 7th inst was a clerical inadvertance. A single half dollar of the present issue weighs 192.9 grains and two half dollars 385.8 grains. The silver dollar of 412½ grains issued prior to 1873, was 900 fine.

Let me refer you to the Act of Congress approved Feby 12. 1873 (under which we are now working) revising and amending the Mint laws, which will give you full information with regard to U. S. Mints and Coinage. Very

Very Respectfully
Jas. Allen
Sup.

E. Sibbon Esq
New-York.

Sept 15 1857

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst has been received.

We cannot receive deposits of gold of less amount than $100, in value. The pressure upon the Mint is too great to permit us to receive such small deposits as $6 dollars.

Very Respectfully

Jas Ross
Supt

Mr.
R. B. Norman.
Walkalda
S. C.

Sept 15 /7

Sir.

Your letter of the 12th inst, has been received.

The Mint will send you subsidiary silver coin—halves, quarters—and dimes—on the terms of the enclosed circular, which is still in force.

The coinage of 5¢ silver pieces ceased by law April 1. 1878. and they are no longer issued.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Kimball

Supt

E. F. Jenks. Esq. Cas.
Hopkinton
Mass.

(Telegram) U. S. Mint. Philadelphia
Sept 17. 1877.

Thos. B. Acton. Esq.
Supt U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

I have sent you fifty thousand
Trade Dollars this morning.

Jos. Pascoe Supt

Sept. 7 7

Sir.

Your postal card of the 5-8 inst. has been received.

Your fine silver has been entered on our books for returns in Trade Dollars, which are the coins I can give you. Half Dollars, Quarters and Dimes are made for the U. S. Government only and not for private depositors.

Yours Respectfully

Mr.

A. G. Gill.
618 Chestnut St
Philadelphia.

Sept. 17 7

Sir

Your draft of the 14th inst. for $100, has been received.

I am not able to fill your orders as stated.

Congress stopped the coinage of silver five cent pieces on the 1st of April, 1873, and they are no longer issued

We can only send out other silver coins of a less denomination than one dollar,-halves, quarters or dimes- in even sums of $100, or multiples thereof, on the terms, and in the manner, prescribed in the inclosed circular from Secretary Sherman.

Silver coins thus issued,
are all new.

I retain your draft
until I hear from you
again.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Lovell
Supt

L. B. Norman.
Newport
R. I.

Sept. 17 7

Sir.

I duly received your letter of the 15th inst. advising me of the purchase for the Mint from the Nevada Bank of San-Francisco, of one million ounces fine silver to be paid for by me by draft on New-York at the rate of 118 5/8 cents per ounce fine, and that the Bullion Fund of this Mint will be increased $1.100,000. for this purpose, and placed to my credit with the Assist Treasurer U. S. at New-York. I will pay approximate value on delivery, as directed.

Very Respectfully

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington.

Sept 17 7

Sir.

I have to request that you will make application to the Treasurer U. S. for the transfer from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia to this Mint, of redeemed bronze one cent pieces, to the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) to be cleaned and reissued.

We are entirely out of one cent pieces, and unable to meet current demands for them.

Very Respectfully

Yours.

J. R. Snowden

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint.

Sept 17 7

Sir.

I send you to day by mail, two plaster impressions of Mr. Morgans last reversed die of the half dollar, as requested in your letter of the 15th inst.

Impressions of the same die were sent by Mr. Eckfeldt, but the die was then soft, these are after it has been hardened. so Mr. Barber informs me.

Very Respectfully

Jos Lesley

Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington.

Sept. 18 7

Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst. has been received.

We can let you have about fifty dollars in one cent pieces, if you apply to the Cashier of the Mint, to morrow, Wednesday, at 9 o'clock A. M. if they should not be paid out on applications made to day.

A week hence I shall probably be able to furnish one cent pieces to any amount you may call for.

Very Respectfully

E. M. Cornell Esq. Treas. Jas. Ross Snowden
Philadelphia. Supt.

September 18th 7

Wm E. DuBois
Assayer,
Sir;

You are hereby directed, in reporting upon Gold Ingots, in addition to the fineness, to certify to the Melter and Refiner that they are malleable and ductile, or otherwise; reporting the presence of such metals as destroy their ductility &c; and to condemn, in connection with the Melter and Refiner, such as are not fit for Coinage.

Yours respectfully
J. R. Snowden
Supt.

Sept 18 7

Sir.

I herewith forward b/D Sept. 17 8, for $781.62 coin, the bullion value of $6. in mutilated silver 8ps pieces, specified in your letter (S. G.) of Sept 11. and $8.88 in worn and mutilated small silver coins specified in your letter (S. G.) of Sept 18 8.

Very Respectfully

Jas Polk

Supt

Hon.
Jas Gilfillan.
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Sept 18 7

Sir.

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. I remark in reply to your suggestions with regard to official profiles on the obverse of our coins, that this question has been discussed again and again in all its aspects, from the very inception of our coinage, and the conclusion uniformly arrived at by Congress, with whom the power rests, that it would be anti Republican and unwise to place any personal or official likeness on our coins, not even the head of Washington, which

which was first proposed.
It is reasonably certain
that an "impression emblemat-
ic of liberty" impersonal
in its character, will be ad-
hered to as the settled policy
of the country.

Thanking you for your
kind allusions to Mink affairs,
I remain

Yours very Truly
Jos Ellicott
Sup

Geo C. Van Allen, Esq
Mt Pleasant
Iowa.

Sept 18 7

Sir.

I herewith forward for your consideration, a letter received by me, from Geo B. Van Allen, Esq, Mt Pleasant Iowa, suggesting that the Heads of our Presidents, or of the officers of the Mint, should be placed on the obverse of our coins.

Very Respectfully
Jas Ewell
Supt

Hon
N. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 19 7

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 18th inst. I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, L.D. No. 3362, August 17, 1877, for $3,928.49 balance of unexpended appropriation, ordinary accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1877.

It had been inadvertantly folded in, and filed with the duplicate.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq

Acting Director Mint.

Washington.

Sept 19 7

Sir.

Your letter (S W. D) of the 15th inst. with regard to the unsettled shortage of $3,122 in a shipment of subsidiary silver coin to the First National Bank, St. Peter, Minn. was duly received, and a copy of it transmitted to Mr. Lovejoy, Supt. of the Adams Express Co. in this city.

I this morning received from him a reply, a copy of which I herewith forward for your information. I will write you again when I receive the further communication which he expects to be able to make at an early day.

Respy

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Sept 19 7

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 10th inst, enclosing a letter from the Director, dated San Francisco, Sept 7, with regard to supplies of copper shipped to the Mint at San Francisco, and requesting me to reexamine the subject as to the items in the years 1869 and 1870, and report the result without delay."

I have caused the desired examination to be made fully and exhaustively, and find nothing in the correspondence and records of this Mint, on this subject, within the period

named, except what refers to three following bills, a copy of each of which I herewith enclose for the Directors more definite and precise information.

1. Bill of Iyes & Newton, Philadelphia Dec. 28, 1867, per ship "Dexter," for 9861 lbs Copper, which I endorse in this statement because the date of its arrival in San Francisco is not known here, and it may help to throw some light on the general account.

2. Bill of Hendricks Bro.t New-York, June 8. 1870. for 2047 lbs Copper by rail, and 8,086 lbs per ship "Helicon" in all 10,133 lbs.

3. Bill of Hendricks Bro.t New-

York, Nov 4. 1870, for 2,041 lbs copper, by rail.

This includes all the copper forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco in the years named, of which I can find any trace in the records, letter books and vouchers in my possession.

The Directors letter is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully,

J. A. Taylor

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 20 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 18th inst. is at hand.

We have no new one cent or five cent mint coins, only those that have been redeemed and cleaned for reissue.

I cannot furnish silver coins in less sums than one thousand dollars, as you will see by Secy Sherman's circular already forwarded to you, and to which I again invite your attention.

Shall I return your draft?

Very Respectfully

S. H. Norman Esq. Cas
Newport R. I.

J. A. Bruce
Supt

Sept 20 7

Sir

I herewith forward the oath of office of the three following Adjutants, in the Mounted department of this Militia.

Amos D. McClelland.
Christian Schmitz, and
Irene Bannard

The names are now correctly given for the first time. Please enter them on your register accordingly.

Very Respectfully

Jas Powell
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington, D.C.

Dept. 21—

Sept 21 7

Sir

I have received your letter of the 20th inst, enclosing one from the Acting Secretary of State requesting the assay of certain coins for the Japanese government. The package by Express has been received, and the contents proved to be cuttings from gold and silver coins of that country.

They have been placed in the hands of our Assayer, who will make the desired assays at his early convenience, and report the results, which will be duly communicated to the Director.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
[illegible]
Asst

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint

Sept 21 7

Sir

Your letter of the 19th inst was duly received, requesting information as to the number of one cent pieces, similar to those of the United States, but of different design, could be furnished by this Mint for the Government of Nicaragua, for the sum of $5,000. in U. S. gold coin.

I have made a careful calculation of the cost of material, at present prices, and the time and labor required, and find, as an aproximate estimate, that we could turn out from two million (2000.0 to two million, two hundred thousand (2,200,000) pieces, for the

sum named, if we do all the work, and furnish all the materials

I do not consider it advisable, however, that the Mint should do any thing more than strike the pieces, the planchets being furnished to our hand, ready for coinage. To do more than this would complicate our accounts and tend to embarrass and confuse our operations, which I very much deprecate.

If the planchets are procured outside of the Mint, Messrs. Benedict & Burnham of Waterbury, Conn, could doubtless furnish them ready for the coining press at about thirty (30) cents a pound. This, however, the Consul General

could readily ascertain for himself, and would of course make his own contract. The dies for the dies, obverse and reverse, would cost him from $150, to $200, and the working dies $5. per pair. The work of the Mint would then be confined entirely to striking the coins, and for this, our charge would be from twenty five (25) to thirty (30) cents per one thousand (1000) pieces.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Elliott
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

124½

Sept 22 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending Sept 22. 1877.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Dillon

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Sept 22 7

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 7th inst I herewith forward the following statements for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1877. being the balance of those called for in the Directors letter of the 20th of February 1877.

1. Supplies of all kinds on hand at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30. 1877.

2. Expenses of the Refinery for the same year.

3. Supplies on hand in the Refinery at the close of that year

There will be less trouble and delay in getting up these

Statements next time.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq

Acting Director Mint

Washington

D. C.

Sept 24 7

Sir.

In compliance with your postal card request of the 21st inst, I herewith return your check of the 17th inst on the National Park Bank, New York, No. 11997, for one hundred dollars, payable to the order of N. S. Mott.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Brown

Lt. U.S.

N. S. Norman Esq. Agt.

Newport

R. I.

Sept 24 7

Sir:

Section 3586 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, enacts that "The silver coins of the United States shall be a legal tender at their nominal value for any amount not exceeding five dollars in any one payment." Rule 9 said that the second section of a joint resolution of Congress, approved July 22. 1876, which is the latest enactment on the subject, declares "That the trade dollar shall not be a legal tender."

Very Respectfully

E. L. Pierce, Esq
New York.

J. C. Brock
Supt

Sept 24 7

Sir.

In further reply to your letter (L. R. 8) of Sept 10th, I herewith forward a copy of a letter received by me this morning from Mr. E. Lovejoy, Supt in this city of the Adams Express Co, stating that the shortage of $31.80 on a shipment of subsidiary silver coin to the Forest National Bank at Saint Peters, Minn, will be settled with the Bank in a few days.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

Jas Gilfillan.

Treasurer U. S.

Washington. D.C.

Sept 24 7

Sir

On the 18th of August ultimo, I forwarded to you an elaborate report by Prof. Booth, our Melter & Refiner, with regard to gold deposits from the New York Assay Office that were so brittle as to be unfit for coinage.

I am obliged now to report that the evil complained of still continues, as you will see by the enclosed communications from our Coiner and Melter & Refiner, dated, respectively, Sept. 17th and Sept 22d, inst, and to which I invite

your attention.

As suggested by the bonier I have instructed our Assayer to condemn all melts that are up to standard in fineness when an examination of the ingots shows them to be too brittle to be worked into coin.

But this affords only partial and very inadequate protection against the chronic grievance complained of. I again suggest that the rule established by the Director with regard to silver deposites at this Mint, by the Assay office, should be enlarged so as to include gold deposits also, and in both cases rigidly adhered to and enforced in every instance.

The enclosed letters from the Coiner and the Melter & Refiner leave nothing to be added. They are so full and explicit in the official testimony they furnish on this subject, and the injustice done to the Mint and to the Government that I again urge prompt and decisive action in our behalf.

Very Respectfully

Jno. P. Leech

Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dept. 26th 7

Sir

I hand you herewith Check No. 6870 for Two hundred and two thousand One hundred and fifty four $\frac{27}{100}$ ($202,154.27) Dollars, Cts, for 7/8 of 1,000 Oz. Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco. Further remittances will be made as rapidly as possible.

Blank Drafts are enclosed Forms and returns.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Dix Supt.

R. D. Lewis Esq
Cashier, Bank of
New York

Sept 26th 7

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 6870 Favor of R. M. Ferris, Cashier, for $202.154.29, Coin, in payment for 7c. Silver Bullion purchased from Nevada Bank San Francisco, Cal.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Colwell
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Fielhouse
Asst. Treasurer U.S.
New York

Sept 26 7

Sir

I herewith forward receipted bill, in duplicate, of Messrs. Rivers & Wightman, of this City for $188.63 for supplies furnished to this Mint in January and February last.

The bill was not presented for payment until yesterday, being after my accounts were closed and balances covered into the Treasury. I therefore forward it to the Department, through your office, for payment.

Very Respectfully &c

J. C. Pickett

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director Mint.

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Sept 7

Sir

Your package of silver $ & pieces was duly received, together with accompanying letter of Sept 2d inst.

Silver coins are not redeemable, nor can they be exchanged. There is no law authorizing it.

I can melt down your $ & pieces as bullion, and make returns in Trade Dollars or fine bars, as you may prefer, under the terms of the enclosed Mint circular, but you would lose from ten to fifteen per cent by the operation. If this does not suit you I will return them.

Very Respectfully

Mr. Geo. W. Grant, P.M.
Reading, Pa.

Sept 27 7

Sir

It will not be practicable to furnish the date with regard to proof coins called for in your letter of the 20th inst.

Proof coins and minor coins are made only at the Philadelphia Mint, and never have been struck at any other Mint.

The statistical tables appended to the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873, gives the total number of U.S. silver dollars coined up to the 1st of April 1873, at 8,040,838.

The annual coinage statements are for the fiscal year

ending June 30 ~~80~~, and not from January 1. to December 31st.

The number of silver dollars of 412½ grains each, coined from January 1. to April 1. 1878, was 293,600.

Very respectfully

J. W. Tolbert
Supt

Mr.
H. P. Smith
New York.

Sept 27 7

Dear Sir

Our Assayer reports in reference to the ores, or minerals, you left for assay, as follows.

Nos 1 & 2 are brown and black ferruginous quartzes, with specks of sulphide of iron, often mistaken for gold.

No 3 is an amorphous galena.

None of these give any promise of being valuable. The No 3 may contain some silver, if it is found in the Rocky mountain mining regions; if it comes from any of the Middle States, there is no use of assaying it. By Govt regulation the charge for assaying is $5. for each assay.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Allen

Hon. Henry D. Moore.
Phila.

N.B. If you want No 3. assayed let me know. J. W. A.

Sept 27 7

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 25th inst received this morning, I have to state that the amounts now due on deposits from the N.Y. Assay Office are as follows.

In Double Eagles $1,685,531.20

" Trade Dollars $ 300,000.00.

About 50,000 trade dollars will be forwarded to the Assay Office this week.

Ninety five Thousand ounces Double Eagle ingots were delivered to the Mint this morning, which will yield say $80,000 in coin, the balance being returned as clippings.

Our returns in gold coin to the Assay Office, would have been larger and earlier, but for the refractory bullion sent us, of which I have already advised you.

The subsidiary silver coinage, under instructions from the Director, of course, takes precedence of all other deposits from whatever quarter.

The operations of the Mint will be pressed as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

The amount due for the transportation of bullion during the current month is

On Gold	$1,536.00
" Trade Dollars	691.00
	$2227.00

The cost of returning the coin now due the Assay Office will be as follows.

On Gold $818.50

" Trade Dollars 300.00

$1,118.50.

Aggregate $3,840.50.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq

Acting Director Mint

Washington

D.C.

Sept 27. /

Sir.

Your letter of the 20th inst, has been received.

We think ores not assay such ores as you describe, but only for gold and silver; in which case our charge is $5. for each specimen assayed.

You can send your ores to Messrs. Booth & Garrett, Bank Street, or to Prof. L. S. Lento. University of Pennsylvania, both of this city, who are skillful and reliable assayers. I do not know what their charge would be.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Wharton Secty.

Mr. G. Reader
Kennett P. O.
Pa.

Sept 27 7

Sir.

Yours of the 20th inst has been received.

Your remittance and the coins you wanted in return were entirely outside of the regulations established by the Treasury Department, but being here, I made special arrangements to accommodate you rather than return your package.

The Government pays freight on minor coins alone, in even sums of $20, or multiples thereof, but not on mixed packages of minor coins and silver coins, for there is no law for it, and therefore

is no way of keeping such mixed accounts.

The Mint does not send out silver coins at the expense of the Government, except in sums of $5,000. or any multiple thereof, as you will see by the enclosed circular from Secretary Sherman.

The freight you complain of, was properly charged to you, and cannot be refunded.

Very Respectfully

J. C. Bryce

Asst

J. R. Anderson, Esq. Agt

Bristol

Tenn.

Sept 27 7

Sir.

I herewith forward my return of Furniture and Fixtures in this Mint for the six months ending June 30. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington.
D.C.

Sept 28 7

The following report of the Assayer of the U.S. Assay Office, of the assay of test coins issued at this Mint in September 1877, has been handed to the Coiner Melter & Refiner, and Assayer.

Denomination.	Weight grs.	Excess ded.	Fineness gold.	Silver
Double Eagle.	515.95		899.9	.8
Eagle	419.5	"	900.5	
Half Eagle	192.8	"	900.—	
Quarter "	95.95	"	900.5	

James Pollock
Supt

Sept 28 57

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst has been received.

If there is any such extreme discount as you intimate, I have not heard of it. As silver coins are not a legal tender for more than five dollars in any one payment, and Banks dont like the annoyance of handling silver in large amounts, I am told that dealers in Philada and New York who receive silver in large quantities in the course of business, dispose of it at a discount to get bankable funds, but what the rate is I do not know. You could ascertain

to communicating with Bank
& Brokers.

Yours Respectfully
J. B. Bush
Sup't

J. B. Russell Esq
Champaign
Ill.

Sept. 28 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 27th inst. has been received.

When the Transfer Letter you speak of, is received from the Treasurer of the United States, I will send you $1,000. in subsidiary silver coin of such denominations (halves, quarters, or dimes) as the Treasurer may direct. I must state here, however, that the Government does not furnish one dollar pieces. They are only made to order for private depositors who furnish the bullion for that purpose.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

E. S. Buckenbach Esq.
Post Bethlehem Pa.

Sept 20 7

Sir.

Referring to the suggestion in the second paragraph of your letter of the 26th ult, that my Refinery account for the month of August last, had not been received, I have to state that the account was forwarded to the Director on the 3rd of August, and its receipt acknowledged by you on the 1st of September inst.

If it has been lost, please advise me, and I will forward a duplicate.

I am Respectfully

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint

Supt

Sept 28 7

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 26th inst I herewith forward statement, on the printed form furnished, of Fine Silver received at the Mint, August 24. 1877, from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco.

In future statements what date shall I give? The date of the purchase, or the day the bullion is received at the Mint?

Very Respectfully

Jas Ewart

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint

Sept. 28 7

Sir.

I have to day forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco, by Express, two obverse and two reverse, and to the Mint at Carson, one obverse and three reverse Trade Dollar dies, all made from a bar of steel which our Engraver had made expressly for the purpose as an experiment at each.

A letter from the Engraver was placed in each box, a copy of each is herewith forwarded for your information.

Express receipts enclosed

Very Respectfully

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Sept. 28 6

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 6870 favor R. M. Lewis, Cash. Am. Bank of New York, for $698.946.87 Gold Coin, for Silver Bullion purchased from Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Sept 28th

Sir

I enclose Check No. 6871 in your favor for Six hundred and ninety eight Thousand nine hundred and Forty one 87/100 ($698.941 87/100) Dollars, Gold Coin, in payment in full for Silver Bullion purchased (and delivered) from Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

R. D. Jones Esq
Cashier, Bank of
New York

Sep. 29th 7

Sir.

I transmit herewith my a/c. of Refining Expenses for the current month.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Reed
Supt.

Hon. A. R. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 29 7

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed for month ending Sept 29. 1877. and Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending Sept 29. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 20 7

Sir.

At the close of business this day, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result.

Gold.	$1,491,919.75
Silver.	346.370 74
Refining & Parting Dpt.	112.08
Ordinary & regular.	11,504.80
Minor Coinage	52,904.25
do Coins Exchanged	4,817.54
do do Reissues	44,211.00
do Coinage Redemption.	352,927.62
	$2004,770.76

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

R. M. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

October 1st 7

Sir

The Bullion Fund of this Mint at the Close of business on the 29th ult, is estimated as being distributed thus. viz.

Gold Coin	$	1.490.732.38
" Bullion		856.210.46
Silver Coin		347.987.28
" Bullion		1.611.234.26
Total	$	4.306.364.38

Very Respectfully

[signature] Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 1 7

Sir

Your letter of Sept 28th with its inclosed certificate of deposit in favor of the Treasurer U. S. for $1.000. for silver coin, misdirected to the Mint, was received this morning, and I have forwarded it to its proper destination at Washington. D. C.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

A. L. Hubbard. Esq. Cas

Nashabula

Ohio

Oct. 1st 7

Sir

Please draw your Trans-
fer Order for Forty four thous-
and Two Hundred and eleven
($44.211) Dollars, to reimburse
you for minor Coins withdrawn
from your Redemption Fund
for Reissue.

Very Respectfully
Wm. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Oct 1 7

Sir.

In reply to your letter of Sept 29 th, I have mailed you two circulars giving the U. S. value of foreign coins, but I have no documents that gives their weight.

If you will write to the Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C. for a copy of his last annual report (1876) you will find on pages 44. to 46, full information with regard to all U. S. coins. Perhaps he may also have some table or circular giving the weight of foreign coins.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Powell Supt

Mr. L. B. Caldwell.
Syracuse. N. Y.

Oct 1 7

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition, of this date, for the sum of $20,000. for the support of this Mint for the month of October, inst, out of current appropriations; as follows.

Salaries	$9,000.
Wages	20.000.
Incidentals	2.000.

This is $9.000. less than the amount drawn last month.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Lovell

Supt

Hon.

R. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington. D.C.

Oct 1 7

Sir

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor as Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for the sum of Five hundred (500) Dollars in gold coin, on account of the Expenses of the Refinery for the present month, October.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bauch
Supt

Hon
A. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Oct 1 7

Sir.

Enclosed I forward
1. Statement of Mint bars
redeemed, reissued and exchanged
during the month of Sept 1877.
2. For the Secretary of the
Treasury, Statement of Mint
Coinage Operations for the
same month.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 1 7

Mr Samuel Brookhouse

Sir

The twenty-four piece,
struck at the Soho Mint,
is genuine, but not well
brought out in striking. If
it should also deficient in
ringing. It is bound to be rejected.

Yours resp[ectfully]

Matthew Boulton

Sam Garbett:

Esq

Oct 2 7

Sir

Referring to your letter (S. G.) of September 27th. I herewith transmit 6/2. Oct. 1. No. 1.79. for $10.$\frac{28}{100}$ silver coin, on your currency transfer account being the bullion value of $10. + $8.$\frac{57}{100}$ in silver 9£ pieces, the net proceeds being, separately, $12.$\frac{28}{100}$ and $12.$\frac{29}{100}$.

Mint Memorandum No. 866 herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Ballock

Supt

Hon.

Jas. Gilfillan

Treasurer U. S.

Washington D.C.

Oct. 2 7

Sir.

Your communication of this date, requesting the removal of Robert S. Barker, a baker in your department, for habitual intoxication, has been received. His conduct is subversive of discipline, and prejudicial to the reputation and efficiency of the Mint, and you are authorized and directed to discharge him at once.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Ellis

Sec'y

O. C. Rockwell Esq.

Comr

Octr. 5th 7

Sir

I Enclose herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for September 1877.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 8 7

Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst has been received.

The Mint makes Trade Dollars to order for depositors of silver bullion, but does not keep them for sale.

I am informed that you can buy them from Brokers for one dollar each in paper money, which is the lowest rate. A trade dollar contains nearly nine cents in silver more than two halves, or four quarters, but is not a legal tender.

Very Respectfully

James Downs. Esq
Smyrna. Del

Jas Pollock
Dir

Oct 3 7

Sir.

I herewith forward statements of the Melter and Refiners Bullion Operations, and Gold and Silver Meltings for the month of September 1877. together with an explanation by him of the extra loss, occasioned by the brittle gold deposited by the N.Y. Assay Office.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

Oct. 3d 7

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6872 for $6,700.55 Gold Coin, in favor R. B. Smith, Cash. in Bank of New York, being in payment for Silver Dollars purchased.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ross

Supt

Hon. Thos Hillhouse

Asst Treas U.S

New York

Oct. 3d 7

Sir.

I enclose Sight Checks No. 6[illegible]2 for Seventy six Thousand and fifty two 53/100 ($76,052.53) Dollars Gold Coin in payment for Silver Bullion purchased from the Nevada Bank, San Francisco, Cal.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ross Supt

R. B. Ives Esq
Cashier
Bank of
New York.

Oct 4 7

Sir

Your postal card of Sept 28th is received.

The one cent pieces ordered were sent to you by Express Sept 26th, but not in card of the Hudson Savings Bank, the post-script in your original letter having been inadvertantly overlooked in making the entries in our order book.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Jos. M. Smith, Esq
Rived Falls
Wis

Oct 4 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 6th inst, has been received.

You can make up $20, in mixed coins of different denominations, and send them in for redemption or exchange; but those so mutilated that they cannot be identified, will be rejected, as well as those reduced in value by clipping, or punching. Coins thus rejected will be returned to you, if you so request, but only at your own expense for transportation, Counterfeit coins are never returned.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Mr. J. Crommelin
73 Cedar St
New York.

Oct 4 7

Sir

I have to report that Robt H. Barber, Butler in the Couriers Department, has been discharged for intoxication and his name dropped from our rolls; taking effect October 1st inst.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Fellows

Supt

Hon.
A. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 4 7

Sir

Upon the Mediation & Reference nomination, herewith & enclosed, I have appointed Samuel R. Brewster, as a Messenger in his department at $1.00 per diem, and submit the same for approval. This appointment to take effect from the date of the oath of office.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 5 7

Sir

Referring to your letter (S. G.) of Sept 28, I herewith enclose b/E of Oct 4. No. 1154, for $4.20 silver coin on your currency transfer account, being the ballion value of $6.20 in silver $ pieces, specified in your letter.

Book Memorandum also enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Jas Reilly

Supt

Hon.
Jas Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Oct. 5th 7

Sir

Inclosed Check No. 6873 on Asst. Treasurer, for Twenty six thousand six hundred and thirty seven 95/100 ($26,637.95) Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from the Nevada Bank, San Francisco Cal.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ross
Supt.

R. M. Lowe Esq
Cashier Bank of
New York.

Oct. 5th 7

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 6873 favor R. J. Hinds, Cashier Bank of New York, for $76.637.95 in payment for Silver Bullion Purchased from Nevada Bank, San Francisco, Cal.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ellwood
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treasurer U.S.
New York.

Oct 5 7

Sir

I herewith enclose, for the Secretary of the Treasury, b/d of this date, No. 3894, for $456.66 coin, on account of Parting, Refining and Bar charges.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Oct 5 7

Sir.

I herewith returns for your signature, Transfer Order, of the 4th inst. No 7005; for $15,000. in 5¢ nickels, per the Adams Express Co, to the Cash Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

Jas. Gilfillan

Treasurer U. S.

Washington

D. C.

Oct 6 7

Sir

Your draft of the 4th inst No. 102,985 on the Importers & Traders National Bank, New York, for $1,000. is herewith returned, not being the kind of remittance the Treasury Department requires in exchange for subsidiary silver coins.

I enclose a circular from Secretary Sherman which will show you how to proceed.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Wood

Supt

D. M. Taylor, Esq. Cash

Indianapolis

Ind.

Oct 6 7

Sir.

Inclosed herewith I forwards, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending Oct 6, 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jos. P. Wood

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Oct 6th 7

Sir

Your letter of Sept 22d was duly received.

We have no record of any such deposit as you speak of.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Lyon

Supt

Mr. J. E. Hall

Spring Creek

Nebraska.

Oct 8 7

Sir

You have been appointed a Helper in the Melter & Refiners department of the Mint, at $1,50 per diem. You will please take the enclosed oath of office before an Alderman, and report for duty at once, bringing the oath with you.

Mr. Very Respectfully
Sam'l B. Brenton } [illegible]
Phila. } Supt

Oct 8 7

Sir

Upon the Coroners nomination herewith enclosed, I have appointed N. S. Beckley, Jr. as a Cartter in the Coroners department @ $2.75 per diem vice Robt N. Barker, removed; and submit the same for approval. This appointment to take effect from the date of the oath of office.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct. 8th 7

Sir

I enclose Statement of Bullion Purchased per request under date of the 6th inst.

The authority for the purchase of this Silver is dated July 16. 1877.

As soon as the last lot of Nevada Silver is received and paid for I will forward a statement. It is about all delivered. Very Respectfully

J. W. Abbott
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Oct. 9th

Sir

I report the Melter & Refiner's Alloy a/c. for the 3d. Quarter 1877.

July 1.	Balance	Oz. 14.513.33.	$ 7799
Sept 29.	Copper	437.500.00	56.12.50
		Oz. 452.013.33	5.790.49
Sept 29.	Copper used	Oz. 161.250.00	$ 2.065.36
	Balance	290.833.33	3.725.13
		Oz 452.083.33	5.790.49

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Oct 9 7

C E Orris Esq
Bloomsburg Pa
Dear Sir

The specimen of galena sent by you Sept 13th last has been assayed, and yields four (4) ounces silver, per ton of 2000 lbs. This is simply a trace, and about what is to be expected from lead ore, anywhere in this State.

Mint charge, $5, paid.

Respectfully yours
J. Pollock
Supt

Oct 9 7

Sir.

I have to request that you will please make application to the Secretary of the Treasury for an order transferring to this Mint from the Asst Treasurer, U. S. at Philadelphia, Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) in redeemed Bronze one cent pieces, to be used in filling current orders for that denomination of minor coins.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

D. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington.

Oct 9 7

Sir.

I duly received your letter of the 4th of October inst, enclosing a copy of your letter of Sept 20th addressed to the Supt of the N.Y. Assay office suggesting a method of procedure by which to prevent deposits of bullion gold by the N.Y Assay office.

I submitted both communications to our Melter & Refiner, and Assayer, as requested, and herewith forward their replies.

I concur fully and entirely with the views expressed by Prof Booth and hope the policy suggested will

will relieve us from all ap-
prehension of further trouble
on the subject.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Dahlgren
Capt

R. B. Reston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D. C.

Oct 9 77

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward,

1. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic production deposited during September 1877.

2. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion, and Bars manufactured, during September 1877.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Gilbert
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 10 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, bill of Office of Samuel R. Brewster, Assayer in the Melting & Refining Department

Very Respectfully

J. P. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

R. R. Leidenman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Oct 10 7

Sir

You have been appointed a Cutter in the Bounty department of the Mint at $2.00 per diem.

You will please take the enclosed oath of office before an Alderman, and report for duty at once, bringing the oath with you.

Mr. N. S. Bartley Jr. Very Respectfully
Phila. [illegible]

Oct 10 7

Sir.

I am entirely out of blank Oaths of Office. Please send me fifty.

I will thank you also for half a dozen copies of the Directors last annual report if you can spare them

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J. A. Dahlgren
Capt

R. B. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Navl
Washington
D. C.

Oct 10 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 8th inst, has been received.

We have no arrangements of furnaces or other requisites to reduce metallic ores, not even those of gold or silver, nor can we do so under the Mining laws of the United States. The reduction of ores being foreign to Mining operations I cannot estimate the cost of doing so.

I can refer you however to Phillips & Jacks, No. 8. Nor 4 Seventh Street, in this City, and E. Balbach & Sons, Newark N. J. who can give you the

desired information.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Powell

Supt

J. D. Brown. Esq.

Providence

R. I.

Phila Oct. 10th 1

Sir

Inclose Check No. 68704
for Seventy Six Thousand Seven
hundred and Twenty Six 32/100
($76,726.32) Dollars Gold Coin
in payment for Silver Bullion
Purchased by the Director of the
Mint from Nevada Bank of
San Francisco Cal.

Very Respectfully
J. [illegible]
Dep't

A. B. Stevens Esq.
Chief Bank of
New York

Oct. 10th 1

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 68704 favor R. B. Lewis Cashier Bank of New York, for $76,726.32 Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ellis
Supt.

Hon. Wm. S. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

Oct 10 7

Sir.

I this morning received a draft for $25,000. for the support of this Mint for the present month, October, of which $2,000. is for contingent expenses, which I find will not be sufficient for the purpose. I am therefore obliged to forward an extra requisition for $1,000. for contingent expenses to carry us through the month.

We have recently had to make heavy purchases of copper for the silver coinage, and make other necessary expenditures, and I have not enough money on hand for incidentals to last over

to morrow.

The additional amount I now call for is only $76, more than the one twelfth of the annual appropriation, and as I use the utmost economy, I suppose there will be no serious difficulty or delay in granting it, and that I may look for an early remittance of the sum required.

In my regular requisition I asked for less than the usual amount from a desire to draw no more than might be absolutely necessary, and regret to find that it was insufficient.

Very Respectfully

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint

J. R. Snowden
Supt

Oct 10 7

Sir.

Please forward me a further supply of your latest form of blanks for monthly requisitions for money on account of the annual appropriations for the support of this Mint. say fifty copies.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Dowell

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D. C.

Oct 11 7

Sir.

The duplicate certificate No. 3082, Oct 8, in favor of the Treasurer U. S. for $1,000 for silver coin, enclosed in your letter of the 9th inst, is herewith returned, being your own voucher and should be retained by you.

The silver coins requested will be forwarded to you, as soon as I receive the order from the Treas. U. S. in pursuance of the original certificate which you forwarded to him.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

D. M. Taylor, Esq. Cas.
Indianapolis
Ind

Oct 11 7

Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst. inclosing $1.25 for a gold dollar of 1877, has been received.

The Mint does not make such exchanges, but, as a personal accommodation, I send you a gold dollar of 1877 from my private purse.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Wood
Supt

Mr.
Geo B. Montague.
Mt Vernon
N. Y.

Oct 11 7

Gentlemen.

We have for sale two cutting machines, that have been used in the Melter & Refiners department of this Mint, for the last fifteen years, to cut off the tops of gold and silver ingots half an inch thick. They have been replaced by new and larger ones.

If agreeable to you I would be glad to receive a bid for them.

Very Respectfully,

J. W. Ellis

Supt

Messrs.
Benedict & Burnham.
Waterbury
Conn

Oct 11 /

Gentlemen.

We have for sale two cutting machines, that have been used in the Melting & Refining department of this Mint, for the last fifteen years, to cut off the tops of gold and silver ingots half an inch thick. They have been replaced by new and larger ones.

If agreeable to you I should be glad to receive a bid for them.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Messrs.

Holmes Booth & Haydens.

Waterbury

Conn.

Oct 11 /

Gentlemen.

We have for sale two cutting machines, that have been used in the Melter Refiners department of this Mint, for the last fifteen years, to cut off the tops of gold and silver ingots half an inch thick. They have been replaced by new and larger ones.

If agreeable to you, I would be glad to receive a bid for them.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Ward
Supt

Messrs.
Scovill & Co
Waterbury
Conn.

Oct 11 7

Sir.

We have for sale two cutting machines that have been used in the Melter & Refiners department of this Mint, for the last fifteen years, to cut off the tops of gold and silver ingots half an inch thick. They have been replaced by new and larger ones.

If agreeable to you I would be glad to receive a bid for them.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.
Samuel Croft.
528 Cherry St
Phila.

Oct. 11th

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 6875 favor R. B. Stuart & Co. in favor of Bank of New York, for $52.06 cts Gold Coin, in payment for Articles Purchased from Navy Agent of San Francisco Cal

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Hon. Thos. H. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Oct. 11th 7

Sir

I enclose Check No. 6875 for Fifty two Thousand four hundred and Sixty four 87/100 ($52.464.87) Dollars, Gold Coin in payment for Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

This lot and also that paid for yesterday I am requested to describe as "C". bullion.

Very Respectfully

Jas Ellard

Supt

R. D. Jones Esq.
Cashier Bank of
New York

Oct 12 7

Sir.

We have for sale the following old materials for which I desire bids from 12 Thursday, Oct 18 of Oct, inst, at 12 o'clock, noon viz

About 69 feet iron fence
1 shearing machine
1 batting & feeding machine
2 Lapping machines
1 Waste rasp
1 lot of gas pipe
About 1½ tons wrought iron
" 1 " cast "

These materials are open for inspection between 9 A.M. & 3 P.M. Very Respectfully

(Mr. D. W. Smith.) Jas. Pollock
Pres.

This letter was also
to the following.

Bussenius. Cunliffe & bo. Phila
& Newcomb. do
Chas R. Lippincott & bo. do
A. Purves & Son. do
Brooks & Winebrenner do
Isaac H. Sharman. do.

Oct 12 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Oath of Office of N. S. Beckley Jr. Cutter in the Coiners department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct. 12 7

Sir.

I duly received your letter of the 9th inst. enclosing for verification, a copy of the correspondence between the Department of State and Mr. Gallatin in relation to the standard Troy pound in the custody of the Mint.

Upon examining our files and records, which are much fuller than the copy you sent me, it seemed to me it would be better to send you a separate certified copy of all the documents and correspondence on the subject in my possession, and I have had the copy made and herewith

forward it accordingly, comprising the following list which I hope will be satisfactory.

Certificate of President J.Q. Adams, Oct 18. 1827
" " Captn Kater. June 30. "
" " Mr. Gallatin. July 24. "
Mr. Gallatin to Mr. Moore, " 28. "

Mr. Moore to Mr. Gallatin, Jany 12. 1828.
" " " " Sergeant " 15. "
" " " " Gallatin, " 17. "
" Gallatin " " Moore " 25 "
" Moore " " Sergeant " " "

I also send you a certified copy of the correspondence with regard to a "Mard of Castile" procured by the Director of the Mint from Madrid, and one from the City of Mexico, which you may find it to be of some historical interest. The following is a list of the documents

Mr. Moore to Mr. R. W. Mead, Aug 10. 1826.

Madrid Mark.

Mr. Everitt to Mr. Moore. Jany 30. 1827

Certificate of Officers U. S. Mint, Aug 9. 1828.

Mr. Liddell to Mr. Moore. May 30. 1827.

Mercer Mark.

Mr. Poinsett to Mr. Moore, Feby 20, 1828.

Certificate of Mr. Poinsett, " 20, "

" " Officers U. S. Mint, Aug 9. 1828

Memorandum by Mr. Moore of weight of the two marks.

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of these enclosures.

We have in our possession "1 Kilogramme" procured from Paris by the Director in the year 1835, but there is no correspondence on the subject.

The "Copy of correspondence" enclosed in your letter is

herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell

Supt

Prof. J. E. Hilgard

U. S. Coast Survey

Washington

D. C.

Oct 12 7

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst has been received.

Your silver bullion was duly received, and the net proceeds, $25.32 sent to you in Grand Dollars by Express on the 5th of October.

We do not pay deposits in shaped money, or remit proceeds by check or draft.

Very Respectfully

Jas S Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Walter Feeney.
Grand Rapids
Michigan.

Oct 12 7

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 2nd of September ultimo, I herewith forward our Assayers report of the assay for the Japanese Government of certain gold and silver cuttings from the Mint at Osaka, transmitted to your office for that purpose through our Department of State.

The Acting Secretarys letter states that the sealed package contained "twenty specimens of coin." You will observe that the Assayer reports that he only found fourteen specimens, 7 gold, 7 silver, all cuttings and no coins.

The original envelopes I return to you to day by the Adams Express

together with the value of the remnants in U. S. coin, as directed Gold $14.50, Silver $.75, total $15.25

Acting Secretary Linares letter to Secretary Sherman under date of 19th of September, ultimo, is herewith returned, as requested.

The results of the assay are very creditable to the Osaka Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Kimball
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D. C.

Oct 12 7

Sir

The box of Assay coins from the Mint at San Francisco, for the third quarter of 1877, specified in your letter of the 3d inst, has been received to day.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ellwood
Supt

C. A. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco
Cal

Oct 12 7

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 10th inst, I herewith forward amended Statements of "Deposits and Purchases," and "Gold and Silver of Domestic Production," for the month of September 1877.

I had no official information as to what region produced the silver purchased from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, and it could not be credited to Nevada, except upon conjecture.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint

Oct 12 7

Sir.

I have to day received three boxes, specified in your letter of the 4th inst, of assay coins from the Mint at Carson, for the months of July, August and September, 1877.

The statements inclosed in your letter, while required for the Directors Office, are not needed here. All we want is a brief statement of the total number of each denomination of assay coins (not the deliveries) inclosed in the boxes.

Allow me to add that it would facilitate the labors of the Assay Commission, if you would mark the name of the month on the boxes.

Very Respectfully

J. Ad. Pollock

Supt

James Crawford, Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev

Oct. 13th 7

Sir,

Your letter of the 8th inst has been received.

As an accommodation the Mint makes assays of ores, but for Gold and Silver only, not other metals. The charge is $ 3. currency, prepaid, for each assay. One pound of the mineral, if a fair average specimen, will be sufficient.

There is sometimes a delay of two or three weeks, on account of the pressure of our regular work.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

M. D. Leonard, Esq.
Conway
Ark.

Oct. 13th 7

Sir;

I herewith forward Statement of Coinage Executed at this Mint, during the week ending October 13th 1877.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Kimball

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

Oct. 13th 1

Sir,

Our Assayer requests me to ask if you can oblige him by sending granulations of the melted Mexican Dollars, Eight Numbers, invoice No. 42, Oct. 11th ?

It will save melting and time.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Thos. C. Acton Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Oct. 13th. 7

Sir;

Your notices of the 12th inst. of a further consignment of silver Bullion for Trade Dollars, but not accompanied by an invoice, has been received.

I will do the best I can for you, but doubt whether I can send you any Trade Dollars this month. There are large deposits for "Trades" (over $ 300.000) ahead of your two previous lots; and the pressure for subsidiary silver coinage is very heavy. The Government requires it to take precedence of Trade Dollars and this with urgent Gold Coinage, occasions delay with the "Trades". Your deposits will be paid in their order.

Very Respectfully
Jas. P. Kloo
Supt.

Mess. Jas. B. Colgate & Co
New York

Oct. 13th 7

Sir,

Your letter of the 10th inst., was received today.

Our prescribed regulations here are such that it would not be convenient, to exchange Nickel coins for 20 ¢ pieces.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ed. Kay

Supt.

J. C. Donigan Esq. &c.

Louisville Ky.

Oct. 13th 7

Sir

I herewith forward for payment by the Department, out of the appropriation for the Contingent Expenses of this Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1877. the approved and receipted bill, in duplicate, of William Sellers & Co. of this city, June 26th. — 1877. for one double shearing machine for cutting ingots in the Melter & Refiner's department, and erecting the same, per contract, $1,645.00.

Please forward a draft for the amount direct to Sellers & Co.

Very respectfully

[signature] Superintendent

Hon. A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

Oct 13th 7

Sir

I have received your letter of the 12th inst, enclosing a copy of a letter to you of Oct 11th from the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office, announcing the acceptance at that office of the late Suggestions with regard to the proper treatment of gold bullion intended for Coinage at the Mint.

This adjustment of the trouble gives satisfaction here and will doubtless obviate all future difficulty.

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington. D. C.

October 13th 1857

Sir

I hand you herewith a Statement of Silver Bullion Purchased from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco Cal. under your advice of 9th September last.

Very Respectfully

J. Ross Snowden

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct. 15 '7

Sir.

I herewith return your draft of the 13th inst. No. 2887, on the Third National Bank of New York, for $2,000, for a like amount in subsidiary silver coin, it not being the kind of remittance required by the Treasury Department for this purpose.

The inclosed circular from Secretary Sherman will show you how to proceed.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

M. E. Sanford Esq.

(Cashier)

General

N. E.

Oct 10th 7

Sir.

Your postal card of the 12th inst. was received to day.

The proceeds of your deposit, $100.00 gold coin, were forwarded to you by Express on the 10th of October, inst.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Mr. J. W. Allen.
Spartanburg
S. C.

October 15 7

Sir

I thank you for the opportunity to inspect the double eagle, forwarded on the 12th inst. It is undoubtedly genuine, though 12 grains light. We attribute this to a dissolving process, most likely by the electric gilding battery, which carries off the gold more rapidly than the old mode by aqua regia, & with less suspicion. It is a very dangerous fraud, requiring too much appeal to the balance, or detector.

We are expected by the Treasury Dep.t to take note of, and keep samples of fraudulent pieces. I would inquire if we may keep this, and send the value in gold. say $19.50.

Respectfully yours

Jas. Ross Snowden

F. Mayer Jr. Esq
U. S. Ass.t Treasurer Philad.a

Oct 15 - 7

Sir

I herewith forward report of assay coins received and coin deliveries made during the quarter ending September 30. 1877.

Very Respectfully

A. E. Loch
Supt

Hon.
R. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 16 7

Sir

I have received your letter of the 15th inst, announcing your inability now, for reasons stated, to furnish granulations of the Mexican dollar melts. We will do the best we can by cuttings, our Melter & Refiner says he is satisfied.

The 1825 ozs standard bullion from the melts of Mexican dollars, mentioned in your letter, have been received.

Very Respectfully

J. M. Lloyd, Esq,
Acting Supt
U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Jos. Collord
Supt

Oct 16 7

Sir.

I have received your letter of the 16th inst. calling for accurate information as to the coinage capacity of the Mint in case silver dollars should be authorized by Congress. The desired information will be furnished as soon as the necessary data can be collated and put in shape to report.

As per your request of the 15th inst, the Engraver is preparing a report as to the practicability of grinding off the face of old dies and using the steel for new dies; and the Coiner will report on the Seyes assorting machine.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
R. R. Lindeman,
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 17 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 15th inst. has been received.

The U. S. Government furnishes subsidiary silver coins - halves, quarters and dimes - on the terms of the enclosed circular from Secretary Sherman, but this does not include Trade Dollars, which are only made to order for depositors of silver bullion. The Mint does not keep them for sale or exchange, and I have received directions this morning to discontinue the manufacture of Trade Dollars until further orders from the Secretary of the

Executory, in whom this discretionary power is vested by law.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Govr

B. B. Worthington, Esq. Sec.
Recd
this

Oct 17 7

Gentlemen.

I have received notice to day from the Director of the Mint to discontinue until further orders, the receipt of deposits of silver bullion for coinage into Trade Dollars.

Very Respectfully

Lot Payne

Supt

Messrs.
J. B. Colgate & Co
New York.

Oct. 17 7

Sir.

I have received notice to day from the Director of the Mint to discontinue until further orders, the receipt of deposits of silver bullion for coinage into Trade Dollars.

Very Respectfully

Parker Handy, Esq
New York.

Supt

Oct 17 7

Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst has been received.

The nuggets which you say you sent to me from Liz Roads, Bedford Co, Pa. by registered mail, on the 29th of August last, has not come to hand. It never never reached me.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.

Alex W. James.
Shanksville
Pa

Oct 17 7

Sir.

I have received notice to day from the Director of the Mint to discontinue until further orders, the receipt of deposits of silver bullion for coinage into Trade Dollars.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Thos. B. Acton, Esq
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Oct 18 7

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward, Gold Workings, Miners Department, for August and September, and Silver Workings, Miners Department, for September. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Supt

Hon.

A. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Oct. 19 7

Sir.

I have this morning received your letter of the 18th inst, enclosing impression in plaster from dies made by Mr. Morgan, for the Half Dollar and Ten Dollar piece, and have communicated to Mr. Barber and to Mr. Morgan your instructions with regard to the preparation of the Special dies described in your letter; with directions to lose no time in the execution of the work.

The Specimen pieces called for, will be forwarded to you, as requested, as soon as the dies

can be completed and the
pieces struck

Very Respectfully
J. A. Bolles
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct. 19 7

Sir,

Your letter of the 16th inst, with enclosures, relating to a discrepancy between the stamped value of certain Denver Mint bars and their assay valued as furnished by the New York Assay Office, was duly received.

As requested the papers were referred to our Assayer for examination, and I now enclose his report on the subject.

The suggestions therein contained will no doubt receive from you due consideration.

The papers are herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock Supt

B. R. Lindeman
Director of the Mint

Oct 19 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 16th inst, requesting a report from the Comr of this Mint as to the result of the use of the Seyss Automatic Assorting Machine, has been received.

I enclose herewith his report, and concur with him that the result thus far has been satisfactory. The percentage of rejected pieces is very small, the lights only and remelted, the heavy and adjusted and coined. The average rejected lights and about 18 in 1000 pieces, proving the great accuracy of the work done in the Coining department. The total average of

requested light and heavy pieces is about 35 & 40 in 1000, and that but little beyond the legal limits.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Oct 19 7

Sir.

I enclose communication received this day from our Engraver, Mr. William Barber, asking for information with regard to the guage of the dies for Cancel Mint for 1878, ordered in your letter of the 17th inst. which is respectfully referred to you for reply.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon

S. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Oct. 19 7

Sir.

I herewith forward for the Register of the Treasury, on the blanks furnished for the purpose, a list of the officers, clerks, workmen, &c employed in this Mint on the 30th day of September, 1877.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 19 7

Gentlemen.

Yours of the 16th inst, asking if it would be possible for us to do a job of coining for a South American State, if you should furnish the planchets, has been received.

If the planchets are prepared ready for the Press, dies so furnished, we could, if authorized by the Government at Washington, execute the coinage required.

Very Respectfully

Jno Gault

Benedict & Burnham Mfg Co,

Waterbury

Ct.

October 20 1

Sir

Agreeably to your letter of the 16th inst., I return gold coins equal in value to the light double eagle, $19.50.

Any information in our line, will at all times be cheerfully afforded.

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollard

Supt.

T. Mason Jr. Esq.
Assistant Treasurer U.S.
Boston

Oct 20 77

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending October 20. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

A. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Oct 20 7

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 20th of August ult. (received) and your letter of the 18th inst. I submit herewith estimate of the Incidental Expenses of this Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1879, based on the present average daily and monthly consumption, as follows.

General Department	$ 2,800.00
Melting & Refining Dept	57,090.00
Coining Department	29,040.00
Engraving Department	1,410.00
Assay Department	500.00
Total,	$100,840.00

Separate estimates and Accounts

enclosed from the four operating departments.

The items for the general department and estimated as follows

Printing, blank books, stationery &c	$1,000
Paint, lumber, hardware, plumbing, &c	1,500
Coal for the Mint, exclusive of the Assaying Dept.	300
	$2,800

The above summary exceeds my estimate for Incidental Expenses heretofore transmitted to you by $20,840.00. I desire to economize, and to meet the views of Congress in their efforts at retrenchment and to ascertain how [illegible]

than one estimate our probable wants, as appears from the details now submitted. It should be remembered in this connection that the Mint is a manufacturing institution, and its incidental expenses and more fluctuating and varied than those of the administrative departments of the Government, and it is not possible to anticipate and specify every item of expenditure that may become necessary, from time to time. The Mint also is a unit, and it is not possible, beforehand, to assign every item of expense to any particular part of it. We must have a general fund to be applied as circumstances may require.

I enclose a statement of the amount paid for wages of workmen and adjusters in the months of January, May and September, 1877, respectively, which shows that, at our present rate of working we would need, under this head, an average of $25,000. per month, or $300,000. for the year, which is $15,000 more than the amount I have named in my estimates.

Very Respectfully

J. Q. Dwight
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

20th October 1

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 18th inst. has been received. In answer all we can say is, that we did the best that could be under such base bullion, which is only received as a favour and not because the law requires it. You must expect a small difference in low gold, not likely to be well mixed in the first melting. Your bar when received was brittle and contained more than half base metal. It was melted and toughened with the greatest care possible and there was no error here. Had your bullion been sent to us for coinage as the law requires there would have been no dissatisfaction, but lastly, Hereafter we must insist our new bullion complying with the law or it will be declined

I am Respectfully
Messrs H. Mackenzie & Co
No 58 Leadenhall St

Jas Pollexfen
Supt.

Oct 22 7

Sir

The draft of the 20th inst, No. 44,998, on the Importers and Traders National Bank, New York, for $5000, is herewith returned, it not being the kind of remittance required by the Treasury Department in payment for subsidiary silver coin, nor do we send less than $1000.

The enclosed circular from Secretary Sherman will show you how to proceed.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Heath

Supt

Mat Weaver, Esq. Cas.

Urbana.

Ohio

Oct 22 7

Sir.

Your postal card of the 18th inst. has been received.

You will please deliver the empty specie box to the Express Company from whom you received it, and they will return it to the Mint.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bryon
Supt

H. G. Freeman, Esq. Cor.
Green Bay
Wis

Oct 22 7

Sir,

Your letter of 18th inst has been referred to me, and I have to state that the quarter dollar you enclose is genuine, but much spoiled, apparently by treating in acid. As it is only 1½ grains light, it must have been a trick or play, rather than a fraud.

I send a good piece instead.

Respy yours

Jas Pollock

Supt

S. D. Morgan Esq
Nashville, Tenn.

Oct 22 7

Sir.

The letter of A. D. Morgan of the 18th inst. referred by you to me for reply, has been received.

The quarter dollar enclosed proves to be genuine, and, as requested, I have forwarded to him by mail, a receipt.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

B. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Oct 22 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 20th inst. in reference to the unpaid deposits of silver bullion for Trade Dollars, is received.

We now owe to depositors $90,790 Trade Dollars. We can turn them out, in addition to our other work, at the average rate of 40,000 a day, which would require over twelve working days to complete the delivery. I will endeavor to have it done sooner if practicable.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

A. Loudon
Ass't

Oct. 22nd 7

D. D. Cooper Esq.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your note of the 18th inst, regarding the "Franklin Cent", the following quotation from the Act of Congress of July 6th 1787 will give you the desired information.

"Resolved, That the board of Treasury direct the Contractor for the Copper Coinage to stamp on one side of each piece the following device, viz; thirteen circles linked together; a small circle in the middle, with the motto "United States" around it; and in the centre, the words "we are one"; on the other side of the piece the following devices, viz; A dial with the hours expressed on the face of it; a meridian sun above, on one side of which is to be the word "Fugio" and on the other

the year in figures "1787." The words "mind your business", inscribed beneath the dial, which have gained for this piece the name of the "Franklin Cent," appear to have been added without the authority of Congress, and, indeed, some pretend to say that it was at the suggestion of "Poor Richard" himself.

A portion of these Coppers are said to have been coined at New Haven by a firm in which Mr. Jarvis was a partner; and the remainder by Mr Harmon, at Rupert, Vermont, whither the dies were taken by one Abel Buel, who was also a partner in the New-Haven firm.

Yours respectfully

Jas. Dowse

Supt

P. D. Cooper Esq.
Cleveland
Ohio.

Oct 22 7

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 16th inst requesting me to confer with the operating officers of the Mint and inform your office what coinage of silver dollars per month could be executed under the conditions specified in said letter I have the honor now to enclose to you the report of the Melter & Refiner, and of the Coiner as the result of my conference with them. I assume what is well known that the Assayer and Engravers Departments are fully equal to any demand that may be made for coinage in gold or

silver. The Melter & Refiner in his report states his ability to meet any ~~emergency~~ exigency of coinage, but the coiners estimate for silver dollars are $1,000,000 to $1,500,000 per month with $500,000 in halves and quarters and $300,000 in Double Eagles, under the qualifications he mentions. The weak point of the coiners department in this connection, is the cleaning room, and he reports that the machinery and operations of the Rolling room can be revolutionized and greatly improved, if an appropriation can be procured from Congress to enable him to make certain experiments which he suggests.

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I heard for some time
back been not only sug-
gesting, but urging the ex-
periments in annealing,
rolling &c, referred to by
the Board in his report,
and am pleased to say,
that he is intelligently and
efficiently prosecuting the
same. I hope success will
crown these efforts. If suc-
cessful they will enable us
to accomplish a greater work
with economy and dispatch.
We need room. If this could
be secured our facilities,
as well as capacity would
be largely increased.

I will report in future the
result of these experiments.

In my Annual Report for the year ending June 30. 1861, on the subject of the capacity of the Mint for coinage I said, that "The capacity of the Mint for coinage is fully equal to the wants of the Government and people. With a full force and working the regular hours, the capacity of the Mint, in double eagles exclusively, is equal to an annual coinage of $150,000,000.

Eagles,	exclusively,	$75,000.00
Half Eagles,	"	37,500.00
Quarter "	"	18,750.00
Three Dollar pieces,	"	22,500.00
Gold Dollars,		7,500.00

Coining an equal number of pieces of all denominations of gold coin, its capacity would

be equal $51,875,000. This is exclusive of silver coinage. Its capacity for silver coinage of all denominations, in addition to the gold coinage, as represented, is equal to $15,000,000 annually; making the capacity of the Mint in gold and silver with an equal number of pieces of all denominations, $66,875,000; an amount much beyond the coinage of any year since the establishment of the Mint. This calculation of capacity relates to the Mint at Philadelphia, and is exclusive of its branches. By changing the proportion of pieces, and coining more of the larger denomination, the annual production would be greatly

enlarged; and by employing a double force and working double time, the coinage before stated could be doubled, without additional machinery or impairing the efficiency of that now in use.

This calculation is confirmed in nearly every essential particular by the reports now submitted by the Melters & Refiners, and Coiner.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Ellsworth

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 22 7

Sir.

I have appointed Miss Emilie B. Mauch, as an Adjuster in the Coiners Department of this Mint at $1.75 per diem, and submit the same for approval. The Coiners nomination is herewith enclosed.

I have also, subject to your approval, appointed Henry L. Cooper, assistant Gate Keeper in the general department, at $2.00 per diem.

Both these appointments to take effect on the 1st of November, proximo.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Wood
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Oct 28 7

Sir.

On the 20th inst I mailed you detailed estimates from the different departments of this Mint for incidental and contingent expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879; also wages of workmen; as requested in Mr Prestons letter of August 20, and your letter of October 16. inst

I notice that Mr Preston in the letter of August 20, uses this phraseology: "In preparing the estimates of appropriations required for the support of your Mint for the next fiscal year" &c. This would seem to imply that my general estimates for that year had not

Chen been forwarded, and were yet to be prepared. If that is what was intended by the wording of the letter, it is proper to mention the fact that my estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1873, were made out and forwarded to your office on the 7th of August last, and their receipt acknowledged by Mr. Preston on the 8th of August.

I herewith enclose a duplicate for your use in case the original has been mislaid.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Caldwell

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington. D.C.

Oct 20 . 7

Gentlemen.

Your bid of the 16th inst. for old material, is accepted, as stated in your letter, except the old wrought iron pipe formerly employed for steam heating, which has been awarded to a higher bidder.

You will please call and pay for the articles, and remove them without delay.

Very Respectfully

J. Pugh

Supt

Messrs.

Buckminster, Lanfair & Co.

S. E. Cor. 12th & Washington Sts

Philadelphia.

Oct 28 /

Sir.

Your bid of the 18th inst. for the old wrought iron pipe formerly employed for steam heating, has been accepted; the property to be paid for, and removed at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully

Jos Ewing

Supt

Jas L. Cowdt, Esq
Philadelphia.

Oct 24 7

Mrs. C. R. Appleton,
Morrisania.
N. Y.

Your letter of the 20th inst. has been received.

We have a full collection of U. S. cents, and therefore do not desire to purchase your collection.

Mr. Edward Bogue, No. 408 State Street, Brooklyn, is a dealer in cents, through whom you may be able to dispose of your cents.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Colt
Supt

Oct 27 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 22d inst, has been received.

Guided by your statement, I made further search for your package, and find that it had been duly received, but was not attended to through the usual chanels of business, because there was nothing in it, or on it, to indicate the name or address of the owner, nor what it was sent for, or what I should do with it, so it was placed under lock and key until the owner should claim it. I had to pay sixty nine cents postage on it.

I have to day had the

"nugget" carefully examined by the Assayer, and it proves to be only a piece of very common stone, a mixture of iron and sulphur, of no value. It does not contain any gold or silver.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.
Alex W. James.
Sheakleyville
Pa

Oct 20 7

Sir

Yours of the 22d inst. has been received.

You will please deliver the empty specie boxes to the Express Agent in your place, directed "U. S. Mint, Philadelphia," and he will send them back free.

Very Respectfully

A. E. Patterson
Supt

Jas. A. Wallace, Esq.
Superintendent
Ky

Oct 25 77

Sir.

Yours of the 22d inst is at hand.

The coin sent you was $101.28 which is the correct amount.

I enclose the Mint Memorandum No. 1095, and a gold deposit circular for your information.

I suppose you are aware that a vast amount of "gold jewelry" in the country has very little gold in it.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock

Supt

J. H. Aiken, Esq
Spartanburg
S.C.

Oct 25 7

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 24th inst, submitted to the Melter & Refiner this morning, I herewith enclose in reply, a communication from that officer, showing the gains in silver to his accounts during the last fiscal year, from the refining of gold beyond the basis of 900 m.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Elliott

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Oct 27 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 24th ins has been received.

The only returns that the Mint can make for your silver bullion when it arrives, will be fine bars on the terms of the enclosed circular. The Express Agent, however, can still the bars for you if you so direct, making a small charge for that service, it being out of the line of his regular duties, and done as an accommodation to you.

Very Respectfy etc

Jas Ross
Dy

Messrs.
Wm R. Sigler
Adrian
Mich

Oct 26 .7

Sir

Your box of stones by Express, has been received, and proved upon examination to be a mixture of clay and soapstone, with specks of iron pyrites. They are of no value.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pilloch

Supt

Mr.

Wm Bowels

New Richmond

W. Va

October 26 7

Sir

Enclosed I forward Certificate of Deposit No 4029 for One hundred and twenty and 27/100 Dollars deposited this day with the Asst Treasurer U. S at Philadelphia, on account of Old Material Sold — Statement of the Material Sold is also enclosed herewith.

Please forward the Certificate to its proper destination.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon A. R Linderman
Director of the Mints
Washington
D. C

Oct 27 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 26th with enclosures for payment receipted bill in duplicate of M. B. Davis, Special employé, for $216. for services rendered in the month of October, with has been received.

I herewith enclose a warrant for Mr. Davis' signature to the receipt at the bottom. Upon its return to me, the warrant will be completed, and the amount forwarded to Mr. Davis, in care of your office as requested

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Lindeman.
Director of the Mint,

Your Obt. Svt.

Oct 27 7

Sir.

Inclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending October 27. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jos Ruddy

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 29 7

Sir.

Your postal card of the 24th inst. with your name, but not your place of residence or post office address, was received this morning.

On referring to the Adams Express Company's list of depositors, I find that your deposit was duly received, and the proceeds, $10.20 in gold coin, forwarded to you by Express, on the 22d of October, inst, in accordance with the terms of the enclosed circular, which is the only way we do business. We shall hereafter refuse to receive any deposit of less value than $100.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Ellock Cash

G. A. Swann, M. D.
Henry Grove. Ind.

Oct. 29 7

Sir

The half dollar you sent is good, but badly abused. As it is not fit to pass, I send a new piece instead.

Respy yours

J. W. Pollock

Supt U.S.

J. W. Alpeo Esq

Columbus. O.

Oct 29 7

Sir,

Miss. Emma M. Wagner, an Adjuster in the Coiners department, has resigned her position to take effect at the close of business on the 31st of October, inst, and her name will be dropped from the roll accordingly.

Upon the Coiners nomination, herewith forwarded, I have appointed Miss. Sara Jackson, as an Adjuster in the Coiners department at $1.75 per diem, vice Emma M. Wagner, resigned, and submit the same for your approval; this appointment to take effect from the

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the date of the oath of office.

Very Respectfully

Jos Pollock

Supt

Hon

A. R. Lindeman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Oct 29th 7

Gent-Enclosed,

At what prices will you deliver at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia, the following Black Lead pencils by the cask, free from all extra charges and guaranteed of the best quality,

Medium Pots, No 3, 1 3/8 in. thick & 11 1/4 in. diameter, bolt outside measurement not less than 28 lbs when burned,

Covers, to fit No 3 pots, weighing 4 lbs,

Dipping Cups, weighing a little over a pound,

and in size might be termed No 2.

The Chafer must conform to the Mint pattern.

Very respectfully

[signature] Superintendent

Messrs. Wetherill & Brother
1824 Callowhill St
Phila.

Oct. 29th 7

Gentlemen

At what prices will you deliver at the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia, the following Black lead goods, by the cask, free from all extra charges, and guaranted of the best quality;

Melting Pot, No 70, 13½ inches high by 11¼ inches diameter, both outside measure, and to weigh not less than 28 lbs. when burned.

Covers, to fit No 70 pots, weighing 4 lbs.

Dipping Cups, weighing a little over a pound, and in size might be termed No 2.

The shapes must accord to the Mint patterns.

Very respectfully

J. R. Snowden
Superintendent

Messrs. Dantier & Co.
Black Lead Works,
Jersey City, N. J.

Oct 29th 1

Gentlemen

At what prices will you deliver at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia, the following Black Lead goods, by the cask, free from all extra charges, and guaranteed of the best quality:

Melting Pots, No 10, 13½ inches high by 11¼ in diameter, both outside measure, and to weigh not less than 25 lbs. when burned,

Covers to fit No 10 pots, weighing 4 lbs.

Dipping Pots, weighing a little over a pound, and in size might be termed No 2.

The Shapes must conform to the last pattern.

Very respectfully

Jos. Wood
Superintendent

Messrs Keen, Hopekirk & Lawson,
143 & N. Front St.
Phila

Oct. 29th 7

Gentlemen,

At what prices will you deliver at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia, the following Block Lead goods by the cask, free from all other charges and guaranteed of the best quality:

Melting Pots, No 70, 13½ in. high by 11½ in. diameter, both outside measure, and to weigh not less than 28 lbs. when burned.

Covers to fit No 70 pots, weighing 4 lbs.

Dipping Ladles weighing a little over a pound, and in size might be turned to 2.

The shapes must conform to the Mint patterns.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent.

Messrs Robert Taylor & Co.
1900 Callowhill St.
Phila

Oct 29th 7

Gentlemen

At what prices will you deliver at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia, the following Black Lead goods, by the cask, free from all extra charges and guaranteed to be of the best quality.

Melting Pots, No 10, 18½ in. high by 11¼ in. diameter, both outside measure, and to weigh not less than 28 lbs. when burned.

Covers, to fit No 10 pots, weighing 4 lbs.

Dipping Ladles, weighing a little over a pound, and in size might be termed No 2.

The shapes must conform to the Mint patterns.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Roberts
Superintendent

To Joseph Dixon Crucible Co.
Jersey City
New Jersey.

Oct 30 7

Sir

Upon the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst, the Agent of the Adams Express Co, in whose custody they were, took your silver 3¢ pieces to the Asst Treasurer U. S. in this City, who had them examined, and accepted $176.21 for which I herewith enclose a certificate of deposit, in duplicate, in your favor.

$1.21 counterfeit, and $14.22 mutilated pieces were rejected, and will be returned to you to day by the Express Co. I have to request that you will acknowledge the receipt of the C/D, as my voucher. Very Respectfully

Jas B Eldridge
Cash

Mr. Geo. W. Grant, P. M.
Reading, Pa.

Oct 30 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 29th inst. returning receipted warrant for $216. the per diem of M. V. Davis, Special employé, for the current month October, has been received, and the amount has to day been forwarded to you for him, by the Adams Express Co. the only convenient mode of remittance.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Orrick
Lieut

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 30 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 29th inst. has been received.

As an accommodation the Mint make assays of ores, when it does not interfere with our regular business, but only to determine whether they contain gold or silver. The Mint charge for this service is $5. per pack, for each specimen assayed. One pound of the ore, or a fair average sample, will be sufficient for the purpose.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Snowden

Supt

J. B. Hutchens, Esq
Jeanerette
La.

James S. Luckenbach Esq October 30 7
Bethlehem Pa
Sir

The silver half dollar sent by you, & herewith returned, has been rubbed with lead or tin foil, and thus defeats the acid test lately published from the Mint; as it will blacken more or less. Occasionally such pieces are sent here, probably tampered with as a puzzle, or to get up a bet. If you clean off a little of the surface by scraping, you will find no blackening by the test. The piece is genuine.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Koch
Asst

Oct. 31st

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst enclosing Check for $50.25, the amount you state as being in excess of the proper sum of Silver Coin shipped you on the 26th inst.

Please accept my thanks for the same. Will you kindly inform me what the denominations are of the Coin received, making this excess?

Very Truly Yours

Jas. Pollock

Supt

C. F. Adams Esq
Cashier 2d Nat. Bank
Toledo.
Ohio

Oct 31 7

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $80,000. for the service of this Mint during the month of November, 1877, out of the following appropriations for the current fiscal year.

Salaries	$50,000
Wages	20,000
Incidentals	6,000

This is very nearly the even one twelfth of the annual appropriation, and as little as I can prudently draw for and maintain the efficiency of our operations. I was obliged to make

a second requisition in october, and I wish to avoid this necessity in November.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Bell Lusk
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dep. 31st.

Sir

Your letter of the 24th inst. has been received.

Your complaint has been submitted to our Assayer, who informs me that on remelting and reassaying your deposit, the silver resulted as before, but there was an error in the gold assay, or rather in writing down the result. This was owing to the very base character of the mixture, which compelled him to assay on the demigrand, and inadvertantly omitting to double the result, and you $402.79 less gold than you had a right to, and that amount will be forwar-

to you to day by Express in gold coin. Such a mistake has not occurred here before, and care will be taken that it does not occur again.

The returns in silver were correct, the Trade Dollar being rated at $1.0984 We could not make returns in subsidiary silver coin (halves, quarters and dimes) for they are coined for the U. S. Government only, and not for private depositors. The Trade Dollar weighs 420 grains, and two half dollars only 385.8 grains.

In similar deposits in the future it will be necessary for you to remember mind of the base metal, even if it takes several meltings, otherwise we will decline to receive them

Very Respectfully

J. [illegible]

Mr. M. Goldsmith
Lexington, Ky.

Oct 31 7

Sir.

In reply to your inquiry of this morning, I have the honor to state that Miss Emma M. Wagner, whose resignation as an Assistant takes effect to day, is the daughter of Gen. Louis Wagner of Germantown, a member of our School Council, and gentleman of standing and influence. Miss Sara Jackson, whom I recommend to fill the vacancy, is strongly recommended for the appointment by Congressmen A. L. Harmer, Wm Ward and Chas O'Neill, by Gen. Wagner, Jas. L. Claghorn, Joseph J. Lewis, H. G. Cormany, and

other eminent citizens of Chester Co.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Hugh
Lieut

Hon.
D. R. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P.S.

General Wagner and his friends are very solicitous with regard to this appointment, and I deem it advisable that it should be made.

Oct 81 7

Sir

Referring to the letter of instructions from your office of the 10th of September ultimo, I herewith forward duplicate and triplicate B/L from the Kimm R.R. Co, for one barrel of bonecash forwarded to the U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana, via Corinne, Utah.

I also enclose for payment the receipted bills in duplicate, of Mr. Moses Phillips, of this City, for the price of the bonecash, $66.

Mr. Phillips is a first class manufacturer, and assures me the bonecash is of the best quality. We have never had any reason to

complain of the bondsmen supplied by him to this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jos. P. Taylor
Supt

Hon
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 81 7

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward business Monthly Report of coinage executed at this Mint, for month ending October 31. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Oct 31 7

Sir.

I regret to inform you that L. Gerlach, an employé in the Melting & Refiners Department, in the gold and silver melting room, has been detected in abstracting silver and gold clippings and filings to an amount not yet ascertained. When charged with the offence he denied it, but the proof was so conclusive (some of the small clippings and filings being found in his pockets) that he confessed that he had taken some silver and gold, and offered to give up all. On sending two of the Melting & Refiners men

with him to his house he produced and gave to them about 100 ounces of silver in small bars which he had cast out of the silver taken by him.

I will investigate the case fully, and secure all that has been lost, if possible. Will report to you.

What action shall we take in this case? He should be arrested and punished. Await your instructions. Gerlach has been promptly discharged, and his name dropped from our rolls. He was appointed on the nomination of the Melter & Refiner, in August 1876.

Awaiting for a detailed report from the Melter & Refiner, which

2

I will forward to you.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
A. R. Leideman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P.S.

Gerlock was apprentice in the copper melting room, but upon the suspension of the mint coinage was temporarily employed by the Melter & Refiner to assist in the gold and silver melting room.

J. P.

Oct 31 7

Sir.

At the close of business this day, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result

Gold	$2,170,880.07
Silver	208,091.40
Refining & Parting Dep	240 70
Ordinary Dep regular	2,876.60
Mint bullion	52,616.07
" bullion Exchanged	4,817.54
" " Reissued	95 978.00
" bullion Redemption	329,175.85
	$2,802,978.26

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into

the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo. M. Dallas
Supt

D. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 1 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward official oaths of Henry Hooper, Mark Galt Cooper, General Appraisement, and Emile B Mauck. Assistant Bounty Department, This Mint.

Very Respectfully,

Jno Pollock

Supt

Hon.

D. R Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D C

Nov 1 7

Sir.

Upon the Coiners nomination herewith enclosed, and in compliance with your request, I have appointed Miss. Lizzie C. Milhouse, as an Adjuster in the Coiners Department, at $1.25 per diem, from the date of the oath of office, and submit the same for approval.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Nov 1 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of Oct 29 & has been received.

The day after I wrote you that under existing regulations prescribed by law, and the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C. it was not in my power to coin your silver, I received authority from the Department to purchase silver deposits and pay for them in gold coin at the London quotations of the day the deposits and received, less a discount of one half cent per ounce fine. The Treasurer dispatched to you silver in that way, and on the 2nd of October you the proceeds $18,82 in gold coin

by Express, which closes the Examination.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Ripley

Lieut

Messrs.

Adj U. R. Eagles

Maryland

Md.

November 1st 7

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 31st of October, the Coiner reports that the number of pieces that can be adjusted per minute, by the two Seyss' Machines now in use in the Mint, is one hundred and Sixty (160) for the two; or Eighty (80) pieces per minute by each machine

Very respectfully

[signature]
Superintendent

Hon A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Nov 12

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of Oct. 25th, received the 31st, I have the honor to State that planchets for the copper cent were made outside the Mint from December 1849 to December 1857; and about one half the planchets for 2, 3, and 5 cent pieces were made at Waterbury, Connecticut from February 1864 to December 1866, and the other half within the Mint

Very respectfully,

Your Obt

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Dec 7

Sir

Your telegram rec'd. At once the case of Charles Black was placed in the hands of the U.S. Dist Atty — information made — warrant issued & placed in the hands of the proper officers. I presume the arrest will be made before the close of the day. Will have the case prosecuted with vigor. No further developments.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't
J.C. Bloss
Supt.

Hon H.C. Lindenmuth
Dir. U.S. Mint
Washington
DC.

Nov. 12th

Gentlemen:

I have received your herewith Statement of 80 Bbls. Mess Pork Prices & Assays, containing Specie Assayer's Report Gold Stamps 91 248/1000 Silver Dollars 26 52/100 3.33 27/100

For which your bill is requested. Payment to be made in Gold Notes, or Double Eagles of full weight, and Assays to be delivered at the Mint. Please forward a bill on or before the 1st inst.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. V. Balbach & Son

To Messrs Lee & Co

New York

Dep't

E. V. Balbach & Son

Nov. 1st 7

Gentlemen

I send you herewith Statement of Bullion Melted & Refined Ingots & Containing fine As Sampled Reports

Gold 2 Ingots 91 2nd 1710.64

Silver 1 Do 2604 19 3.302.27

for which your bid was requested. Payment to be made in Gold Notes or Double Eagles of Legal weight and Ingots to be delivered at the Mint. Please forward bid on or before the 2d inst.

Very Respectfully Yours

A.M. Spear & Co

No. 121 Fulton St.

New York

Supt

A.M. Spear & Co

Nov. 1st 1862

Gentlemen

I Hand you herewith a Statement of So. Dels Melter & Refiners Ounces, Containing Fine Ounces Assay Reports, Gold 3rd Qrs. 91.2 1,706.07
Silver " 28.5 2,302.57

For which your bill is requested. Payment to be made in Gold Eagles or Double Eagles of full weight and Ounces to be delivered at the Mint. Please forward bill on 1st before the 6th inst.

Very Respectfully Yours

Wm. Phelps & Co

Messrs. Howard & Hoyt
No. 1 John St.
New York

Nov. 1st 62

Gentlemen

We have your favor with
Statement of D.O. Bell Master & Refiners
Assays Containing for Ores Gold
Reports, Gold Assays 9 ozs 17 dwts 1.17.0 ozs
Silver 2 ozs 126 dwts 3.30.2 ozs

For which your bid is regarded as
Payment to be made in Gold Eagles
or Double Eagles of Full weight
and Assays to be delivered at the
Mint. Made for forwarding bid
on or before 8th inst.

Very Respectfully Yours

[illegible]
Dep't Sup't

W. Wales & Co
17 John St.
New York

New York

W O Wales & Co

Nov 1st

Gentlemen

I hand you herewith Statement of 50 Bbls. Mexican Dollars Assayed & Coined & Receipts Containing -

Gold Std Oz. 191.225 $ 1700.67
Silver Do 2651.19 3302.27

for which you will be requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, or Gold Notes and Receipts to be delivered at the Mint. Reply forwarded on or before the 6th inst.

Very Respectfully

[illegible] Supt

C. J. Dennis & Sons
Newark
N. J.

Noon. 12th

Gentlemen

I have your favor of the 8th Statement of 50 Bbls Bullion & Refiners Drafts, containing Fire Assayers Reports,

Gold Std. 07.91. 248 # 1710.67

Silver Do. 2654 19 - 302.27

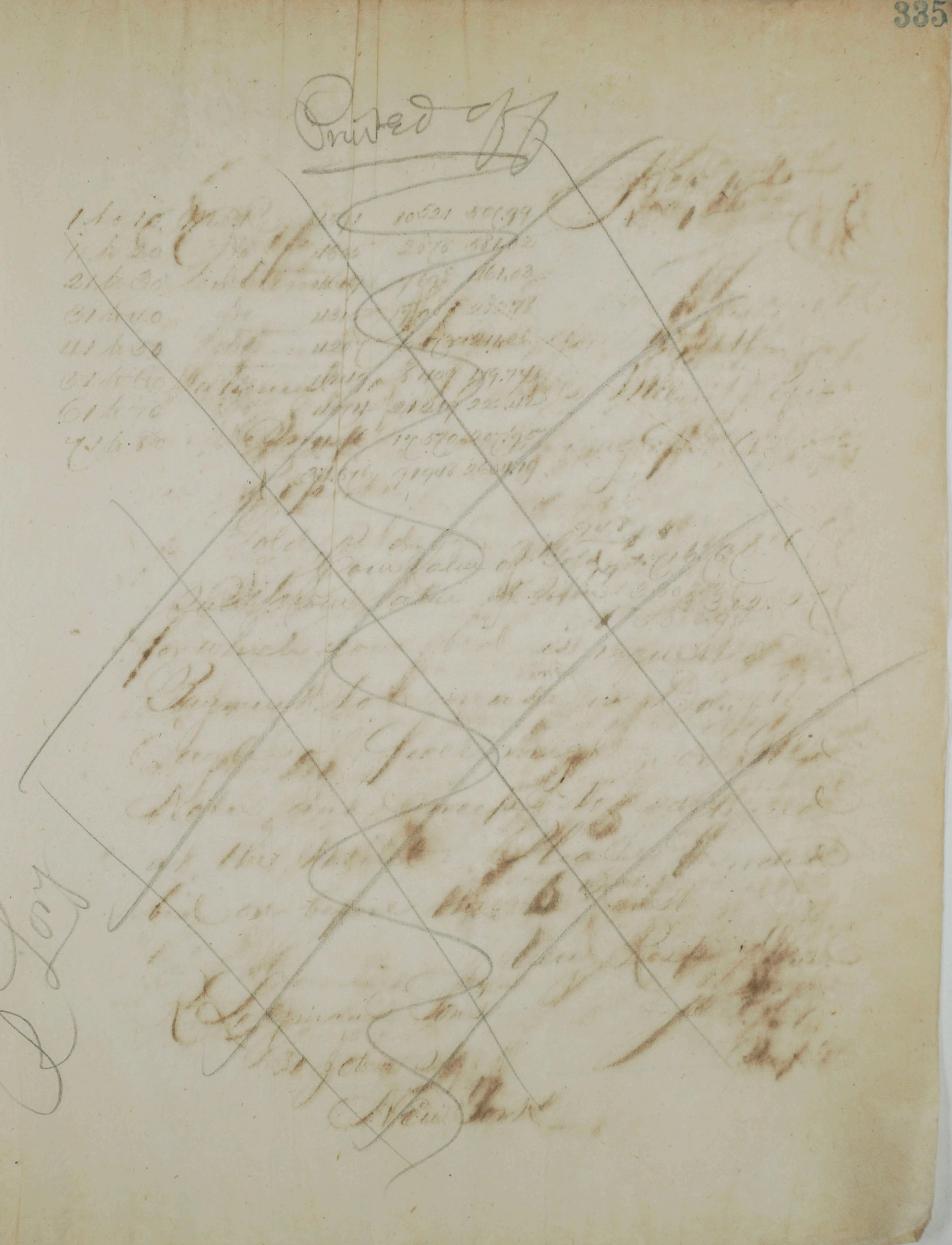
for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, or Gold Notes, and Drafts to be delivered at the Mint. Please forward bid on or before the 6th inst.

Very Respt Yours

R. Longman & Sons

31 John St

New York



Abstract

1	to 10	Mills	4591	10521	507.99
11	to 20	do	4605	2878	581.02
21	to 30	do	4619	7695	461.03
31	to 40	do	4315	17080	982.78
41	to 50	do	4207	6573	211.26
51	to 60	do	4249	8409	179.74
61	to 70	do	4074	21219	222.42
71	to 80	do	4016	17570	207.95
			34,676	91,918	2634.19

Coin Value of Gold 1.710 64
Deduct Silver Coin " Silver 330 22
$ 5.012 42

Nov 2 7

Sir.

Yours of the 29th of Oct has been received.

The coin you mention is a thaler of the free city of Halle, Saxony. Obverse, head of Joseph II, Emperor of all Germany. Value $1.10.

We have not the coin in our collection, and if you desire to part with it, we will give you $1.00 for it if you will send it to the Mint for the Mint Cabinet.

With regard to the three pieces of coin of the denomination of a dollar, you speak of, there is so very great variety of dollars of the United States, Mexico, Central America,

and South American Governments, thalers of the German States and Free Cities, and dalers of Denmark and Sweden, that it is impossible for us to know to which coins you refer.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

O. L. Lorman. M. D.
Decatur
Ills.

Nov 2 7

Dear Sir

The 4 dol. you sent is genuine, but there is a flaw or split, barely visible at the edge. This sometimes happens, & of course destroys sonority, which is one of the tests of a good piece. I enclose one for it, better fitted to pass.

Respy yours

Jas Pollock

Supt

George Pence Esq
First Nat. Bank, Co

November 3d 1

Sir;

I hand you herewith Mrs a/c of Ordinary Expenses for the month of October 1857.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Lewis
Sup't.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

November 3rd 1874

Sir

I hand you herewith my a/c of "Refinery Expenses" for the month of October 1874.

Very Respectfully

A. R. Leech

Supt

Hon. E. R. Leiderdorff
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Telegram Nov. 3d

Howard & Möhler
No. 1 Astor St.
New York.

We make exception in your case.
Come yourselves and draw complete early on
Monday morning.

[illegible]

Nov 8 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 31st of October was received to day.

I send you to day by the Adams Express, fifty (50) dollars in half dollars, to cover the shortage reported in your letter. That amount was made correctly & forwarded the same day to the First National Bank, Toledo, Ohio, on express, and has since been returned.

This is the first mistake of the kind, our daily shipments are very large, and with the utmost vigilance it seems errors are unavoidable.

Very Respectfully

Jas Ryrie

Mr.
W. E. Beckett, Esq.
Jacksonville, Ills

Nov 3 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward,

1. Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged, during the month of October 1877.

2. Statement of Minor Coinage Operations, during the same month, for the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pierce

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Nov 8 7.

Sir

I enclose herewith a forward, Baines Weekly Report of Troops operated at this Arsenal, for week ending November 8. 1847.

Very Respectfully

Jas Bowen

Capt

Adjt.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Nov 8 7

Sir.

In my communication to you of the 3, 5 of October, with regard to the discovery of C. Gerlach's speculation of silver filings, I stated that I had requested a report on the subject from Prof. Booth, the Melter & Refiner. I herewith forward a report from him, which he handed to me last evening, detailing the circumstances from the first suspicion & the reclamation of Gerlach's [illegible] of the silver found there.

[illegible]

I am pleased to know that your Mr. Preston is here [illegible]

the investigation, and we shall soon know what further developments, if any, may be made.

Gerlach's arrest was ordered immediately upon the receipt of your telegram to that effect, but I have not yet learned whether he has been taken into custody. It would have been done before, but for the Miller & Refiners belief that the ends of justice would be better subserved by a little delay.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Brooks

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Nov 8 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward oath of office of Miss Sara Jackson, Adjutor, Coiners Department.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Pollock
Supt

Dr.

A. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 5 1877

Sir.

Your letter of the 3d inst. has been received.

We only assay ores for gold and silver, and only when we can find time. At present you would have to wait two or three weeks. The charge is $5.

You can have it done more promptly by private assayers, say Prof. Garrett, Shank St or Prof. Genth, University of Penna. both in Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Gillot

Supt

J. B. Hutchison, Esq
Jeannette
Pa

Nov 5th 7

Sir

Your letter of the 2d inst. has been received.

I had already learned that there was a shortage of $50, in a shipment of coin to a Bank at Jacksonville Ill, the same day that your coin was sent. This has been made good, and the accounts adjusted, thanks to your courteous promptness.

This is the first mistake of the kind, and is not likely to happen again. Our daily shipments of silver coin are very large, and with the utmost vigilance, it seems that mistakes and

not impossible.

I note the statement in the post script to your letter, "We know nothing here of deposits for silver coins, until I receive an order from the Treasurer U. S. at Washington, which is always filled by Express the day after it is received, & I have carefully examined our register of transfer orders, as far back as October 6. as well as those received this morning, and do not find any in favor of your Bank.

Very Respectfully

Jas. C. Wolf

Supt

L. L. Adams, Esq. Cas.

Toledo

Ohio

Nov 5 7

Sir

Your letter of the 20th of Oct, has been received.

The Agent of the Adams Express Co, informs me that he forwarded the proceeds of your vial of gold dust ($14) to you by Express, on the 12th of September, ult.

You had better inquire at the Express Office for it. See the enclosed circular.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell

Supt

Mr.

A. L. Pierson,

Galveston

Texas.

Novem^r. 5 7.

Louis Mc Lane Esq. President &c. &c.

Sir

In reply to yours of 23^d. October, I send a detailed statement of the settlement of the lot of bullion in question.

There was no "melting for assay" here. The "weight after melting" is our printed form for all deposits & purchases. The assay pieces were cut off (to save time) before weighing; and their weight added in afterwards. For that reason, and for a real over-weight, & for over-fineness by our assay, all together, the Mint gave you $256.53 more than your statement called for. So that "reclamation" should rather lie the other way.

Yours truly

J. A. Dallas

Asst. Treas.

Nov 6 7

Sir

I have received from Louis McLane, Esq. President of the Nevada Bank of San-Francisco, a communication under date of the 20th of October, ultimo, making a reclamation upon the Mint for the sum of $204.72 alleged shorts in the last million ounces of fine silver purchased from that Bank.

Referring to the duplicate of that letter, that I understand from your Mr. Preston was your wish, I herewith enclose for your information, a duplicate of my reply to Mr. McLane which

I have mailed to him to day
and a duplicate of the accompa-
nying statement by our Weigh-
Clerk, showing that so far
from there being any shortage,
I have actually accounted for
$2062 more than the Bank by
their own showing was entitled
to. The whole subject has been
carefully investigated by our
Assayer, and the statement now
submitted meets his entire
approval.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Wells
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 5 /

Sir

I herewith forward, for the Secretary of Treasury, Bill No. 4041 for $5534.22 coin, on ac sharkins, refining and bar charges.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Ewing
Supt

Hon.
F. P. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

To Director of the Mint,

Nov 6/77

Statement of U.S. Bullion Fund
October 31st 1877

Gold Coin U.S. Assay't		1.279.256.98
Gold Bullion	Do.	783.508.50
Silver Bullion	Do	1.588.014.03
Total Bullion Fund		3.650.779.51

Asst Treas
Supt

Nov. 6th 7

Sir

I forward this day my Bullion & Coinage a/c's etc. for the 3d Quarter 1877.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 7 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, oath of Office of Miss. Lizzie B. Milhous, Adjuster in the Loans Department, this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

S. P. Lindeman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Nov. 7th 7

Gentlemen.

Your offer of 9¢ per pound for 34.676. pounds of Sweeps per statement, is accepted. Please remit proceeds as soon as convenient and remove Sweeps.

With thanks for your prompt attention,

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs. Howard & Ilsley
No. 1 John st.
New York

N.B. You received three by a messenger of July 10th.

Nov. 7th

Gentlemen.

Your offer for 34.676 Pounds of Ammo is respectfully declined, with thanks.

Very Respectfully

Jos Ripley

Supt

C. S. Dennis & Son

Newark

N. J.

Nov. 7th

Gentlemen.

Yours offer for 34.676 pounds of Onneps is respectfully declined, with thanks.

Very Respectfully

W. Webb

Supt

R. Longman's Son

New York

Nov 7th 7

Gentlemen

Your offer for
34 676 Pounds Sprouts is
respectfully declined with thanks

Very Respectfully
Jas Brooks
Supt

A.W. Spear & Co.
121 Fulton st.
New York

Nov. 7th 7

Gentlemen.

Your offer for 3 & 676 pounds of Annuals is respectfully declined, with thanks.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Breck

Supt

E. Balbach & Son

Newark

N. J.

Nov 7 77

Sir

On the 19th of October, ultimo, I forward to you a communication from our Engraver, Mr. Barber, asking for the required gauge of the dies ordered for the Carson Mint for the year 1878. Not receiving any reply, I have this morning received another communication on the subject from Mr. Barber herewith enclosed, to which I invite your attention. The time is short, which accounts for Mr. Barbers inquiry. Please state an early reply.

Very Respectfully

J. Ross Snyder

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Nov 7 7

Sir.

I herewith forward b/s of the 6th inst. No. 1285 from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia in my name to your credit for the sum of $4,000 as a transfer of funds on a/c of subsidiary silver coin.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
Wm Wilkins.
Secretary U. S.
Washington
D.C.

Nov 7 7

Sir:

Upon the recommendation of the Coiner, herewith enclosed, I have transferred Samuel Tomlinson, Roller, @ $2,90, and Thomas Gillespie, Cutter, @ $2,90, to be Annealers in the Coiners department, at $2,00 per diem, from November 1. 1877, and submit the same for approval.

I have also at the verbal request of the Coiner, and on the ground of faithful and efficient service, increased the pay of Thomas Thompson, Counter, in the Coiners department, from $3,75 to $4,00 per diem, from November 1. 1877. and submit the same for

approved.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
J. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 9. 1877

The following report of the assay of test coins, issued at this Mint in October 1877, by the Assayer of the New York Assay Office, has been handed to the Assayer, Coiner, and Melter & Refiner.

Denomination.	Weight gm. dec.	Fineness gold	silver
Double Eagle	516. 2	899.9	7
Ten do Dollar	17.9. 6	.2	900.4
Half do	1.2. 7	.1	900.5
Quarter do	96. 5	.0	899.8
Dime	38. 6	.1	899.5

James Pollock
Supt

Nov 9 7

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst, with the package of silver 39 pieces, has been received.

These coins are not redeemable, and Bankers will not buy them at any price.

As an accommodation to you the Mint could receive them by weight as bullion, and after being melted and assayed, pay you for them in gold coin at near the London quotations. But this would involve a loss to you of 18 to 20 per cent. The gold coin could be sold for a new and that remitted to you by registered letter if you so prefer.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
[illegible]

D. B. Fairbanks Esq. P.M.
Leavenworth Kansas.

Nov 9 7

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 2d inst. I herewith enclose b/E. in duplicate, of the 8th inst. from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, No. 158. for $4770.92/100 gold coin, the recoinage of $4800.92/100 light gold coin, specified in your letter. I will thank you for an acknowledgement of this remittance, as my voucher.

I also enclose duplicate Mint Memorandum No. 1552.

Very Respectfully &c.

J. A. Nicholson
A. T.

John Sayre Esq
Coll of Customs
Milwaukee Wis.

Nov 9 7

Sir

Acknowledging the receipt this morning of the letter to you of the 3d inst. from Hon. Jas Gilfillan Treasurer U. S. and the endorsements thereon, in reference to the Express charge $.0.80 on $240 subsidiary silver coin from Chicago, Ill. to the First National Bank at Shakopee, Minn. in March last, I herewith endorse duplicate bill, and blank warrant for the amount to be signed by Hon. Horace B. Strait, (Ill. B.) President of the Bank, and returned to me, with directions to pay the same out of our silver profit fund, on your

thereon by you, upon the receipt of which I will forward him the amount.

Very Respectfully
J. V. Pacard
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov. 10 7

Sir.

Inclosed herewith I forward, Miners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending November 10. 1877.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt

Hon.

G. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov — 10 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 9th inst. has been received.

We are not coining any 1 ℓ, 3 ℓ, and 5 ℓ pieces, but can send you any amount of those that have been reduced and cleaned and brightened for circulation.

If you send us a sight draft on Philadelphia the coins will be forwarded the day after the draft is received. A draft on New York will cause a delay of about four days, as we never send the coins until the money is actually in hand.

Messrs. Very Respectfully
Heller, Sons & Co.
New York

Jas. R. Woods
Supt.

Nov. 10 7

Gentlemen.

Your draft of the 6th inst. No. 10119, on S. S. Jennison & Co. New York, to my order for $1.00, is herewith returned, it not being the kind or amount of remittance required by the Treasury Department in exchange for subsidiary silver coin. The enclosed circular will show you how to proceed.

Congress stopped the coinage of 50¢ silver pieces on the 1st of April, 1890. and they are no longer issued.

Very Respectfully

A. Bell

Asst

Messrs.
Sanger Bros.
Dallas Texas

Novemr. 10 7

Sir

We assay ores occasionally, for gold and silver (no other metals) and we use about half a pound, which can be sent in a letter, lined with linen. The charge is five dollars, prepaid. You must count on some delay, as we only do such work at intervals.

Yours respy
Jos. Peabody
Supd

Mr. A. Gourdy
De Kalb Junction
New York

Nov 10 7

Sir,

I have to request that you will forward to me at the earliest practicable moment one thousand (1.000) blank warrants for the payment of the ordinary expenses of this Mint, as per the copy herewith enclosed.

We are almost out of them.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

Novem^r 12 7

Prof: Phillips — Dear Sir,

A good many th: gravities of gold and silver, fine or alloyed, have been taken in our Assay Department; so that we can answer without referring to books.

There is not that precision, or uniformity, which you would look for. Gold "ready for coining" consists of nine-tenths fine gold and one-tenth of alloying metals, silver and copper; nearly all copper now, but a few years ago somewhat silvery; enough to affect the second decimal, and even the first. We have been content to disregard fluctuations of the barometer; careful only to take weights at about 65° thermometer. There is considerable affectation, in the books, about this matter

A gold coin, or planchet, nine-tenths fine, with 9/100 copper and 1/100 silver, will show a sp. gr. of about 17.20; but some years ago (as already intimated) it might, with more silver show 17.30, or 17.40. or 17.50. And still another variation would be found, if the fine though almost free from silver, should be a little crystalline, or brittle, as sometimes. Yours. However, 17.20 best answers your question.

A silver coin or planchet, nine-tenths silver and one-tenth copper will show 10.30. on the average.

I will add, that fine gold is very uniform at 19.30; and fine silver at 10.5.

Respectfully yours

W. Ellis Supt.

Prof. Charles Phillips
University of N. Carolina
Chapel Hill
Orange Co.
N.C.

Nov. 12 7

Mr M. L. Bond — Sir

The two cent piece sent by you, has been blistered by being heated & rendered almost fluid. We sometimes find this in ingots, & assay slips; showing that air or gas vapor is shut in, & expands by heat, throwing the metal into lumps. This is shown by the specific gravity, which is 8.29, while that of a good piece is 8.98.

Respy J. R. Snowden Supt &c

The pieces herewith returned. J.R.S.

Nov 13 /

Hon. L. H. Bridges. M. C.

My Dear Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of the 11th inst, and regret to say in reply that there are no vacancies in the Mint, and I fear that we shall be obliged to reduce instead of increasing our force. That however depends upon circumstances yet in the future. The lady applicants who are constantly pressing for position here, are numbered by hundreds, and while it is not our agreeable task to disappoint their expectations, it is really out of our power, in justice to the Govt, to add the number on our rolls. Very Truly Yours

[illegible]

November 13 7

Dear Sir

Accept my thanks for another instance of your liberality & consideration, in presenting coins to our Mint Cabinet; which were received through the Department of State.

These pieces of Harold I. and Edward the Confessor are very fine specimens, and the first we have had of those reigns. They will be seen, in a glass case, by our numerous visitors.

We would be happy to make any suitable and agreeable return.

Sincerely yours

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Granville A. Chester Esq.

London

Nov 13 7

Sir.

I enclosed herewith & forward.

1. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during October 1877.

2. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during October 1877.

Also, Statement of Bars manufactured during October 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington.

Nov. 10 7.

Sir.

Inclosed herewith I forward, Gold Workings and Silver Workings, in the Mineral Department during October 1877.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Burch
Supt

Hon.
A. R. Leiderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Telegram) Nov 15 7

M. L. Byrne & Co.
New-Orleans La.
Coin shipped 13th November.
(Signed) Jas Pollock
Supt

(Copy)

Nov 15 7

Sir

I herewith forward to Mr. M. V. Davis, in your care, a package containing $42.62 the amount of his approved bill for necessary expenses, inclosed to me for payment in your letter of the 14th inst, received this morning. I will thank you for an acknowledgment of its arrival.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Dahlgren
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Nov 15 7

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 8th inst, I herewith forward receipt No. 1220, Nov 14, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia in your favor, for $19.22 silver coin, or currency transfer account the proceeds of the recoinage of $24. worn and mutilated silver pieces, forwarded by you to the Mint for that purpose.

I also enclose duplicate Mint Memorandum, No. 405

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan.
Treasurer U. S.

Nov 15 7

Sir

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor as Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500) in gold coin, on account of the expenses of the Refinery for the present month, November.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon

R. M. Lindeman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Nov 15 7

Sir.

I have to request that you will make application to the Treasurer U. S. for the transfer from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, or elsewhere, to this Mint, of redeemed ~~bronze~~ one cent pieces, to the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) to be cleaned and reissued.

We are entirely out of one cent pieces, and unable to meet current demands for them.

Very Respectfully

Your Obd.

H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 16 7

Dear Sir

The piece of rock you sent is chiefly clay, tinged with oxide of iron; no value.

Respy yours
Jas. Booth
Jr.

Mr Dennis L. Morris
Branchville
Sussex Co.
N. J.

Nov. 16 7

Dear Sir

The mineral sample sent by you is a decomposed micaceous rock, of no value.

Respy yours
Jas. Booth
Supt

Rev. J. S. Smith
Jonesville
Frederick Co. Md.

Nov. 16. 7

M. L. Byrne & Co.
New Orleans, La.

Can send you ones, threes and fives. Twos are not going.

J. R. Ellis
Asst. Treas.

Collect
Asst Cashr

Nov 17 7

Sir.

Your postal card is at hand. We will not assay a ton of ore, as we are not smelting works, and have not the required facilities. If we were to undertake to do so it would cost you a heavy sum.

G. Balbach Son, Smelters, Newark N.J. would probably do it for you. You can address them.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Balbach
Supt.

Mr.
A. Grady,
De Kalb Junction.
N.Y.

Nov 17 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Briners Weekly Report of Brinage executed at this Mint, for week ending November 17. 1877.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Leech

Supt

Hon.

A. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Nov 19 [illegible]

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst has been received, enclosing draft No. 17,718, on Donnell, Lawson & Co, for $1,000, and requesting the like amount in subsidiary silver coin.

The draft is herewith returned, it not being the kind of remittance required by the Treasury Department for this purpose.

The enclosed circular from Secretary Sherman will show you how to proceed.

Very Respectfully

N. P. Garneton, Esq. Cas. Burlington, Iowa

H. S. Huckins, Asst Treas

Nov 19 7

Sir

Your letter of the 15th inst has been received.

The title of "Branch Mint" was abolished by Act of Congress on the 1st of April 1870.

The three coining Mints now in operation, are the Parent Mint at Philadelphia, the Mint at San Francisco, California; and the Mint at Carson City, Nevada.

The Mint at Denver, Colorado, is used as an Assay Office only, and the Mint at New Orleans is not yet resumed coinage operations.

The small letters on the coin indicate the Mint at which it

were struck, viz. Carson City, San Francisco and New Orleans. Ghost and no letters on the Coins struck at the Philadelphia Mint.

Very Respectfully
W. E. Richards
Acting Supt

Mr. A. Eastman,
Rives Hall.
Miss

Nov 19 7

Sir

The following dies for the year 1878, have been forwarded to day in two boxes to the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Co, in part of your requisition of October 24. ultimo.

Gold Dollar	26	obverse,	30	Reverse.
Half	"	14	"	14	"
Quarter	"	14	"	14	"
Dime		14	"	14	"
Double Eagle		14	"	14	"
Eagle		4	"	4	"
Half	"	4	"	4	"
Quarter	"	4	"	4	"
Three dollar		2	"	—	

Very Respectfully
H. Linderman
Acting

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 20. 7.

M. & Byrne & Co.
New Orleans, La.

We do not ship minor coins
C. O. D. Must have the money
first. Can Circular.

Jas. Pollock
Supt Mint

Circular sent

Nov—20 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 19th inst has been received.

The 19 coins you refer to were forwarded by the Adams Express to Messrs. M. L. Rymes & Co. New Orleans on the 18th of November inst. They were afterwards notified of the shipment by telegraph, and have since acknowledged their arrival.

Very Respectfully
A G Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr.
David L. Evans
New York.

Nov 20 /

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 19th inst. is at hand.

Our Melter & Refiner, Prof. Roberts, informs me that advices were forwarded to you yesterday, with regard to the cover and dipper referred to in your letter.

Very Respectfully

H. H. Rice

Assay'r U.S.

Messrs.
J. N. Gautier & Co
Jersey City
N. J.

Nov 20

Sir

Upon the receipt of your instructions of the 12th inst your silver 3¢ pieces were melted and assayed and the proceeds when accounted for on purchase nettes $14.42 in gold coin, which being sold for currency yielded $15. which I herewith forward to you per registered mail as requested.

I will thank you for a special acknowledgment of its receipt at the Superintendents vouched. I enclose Mint Memorandum No. 467.

This transaction is entirely outside of our regular business, but is done as an accommodation to you. Very respectfully

H. C. Hibbard
Asst Cash

D. R. Anthony, Esq.
Leavenworth. Kan

Nov 21 /

Sir.

Your letter of the 2nd inst has been received,

The mineral enclosed in it has been examined and proves to be only common sand with specks of mica, and of no value whatever.

Yours Respectfully

H C Hicks C

Actg Supt

Mr.

James B Hunt.

Shippensburg

Pa

Nov. 22d

Sir.

Please draw your Drafts for Fifty Thousand (50.000) Dollars, to reimburse you for Coin withdrawn from the M. Redemption Fund and reissued.

Very Respectfully

[signature] Supt

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Nov. 22 7

Sir

The quarter-dollar sent by you to the Mint Bureau is genuine, but has a split at the edge, which prevents ringing. I send a good piece instead.

Respy yours

J. R. Snowden
Supt.

Mr Jacob A. Schloss
Bloomington
Ind.

Nov 22 7

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 16th inst I herewith enclose a communication from the Coiner in explanation of Chas Dunkleberger's bill for paper and bill heads.

The quills and sealing wax in Murphy's bill were not procured as "stationery." The quills are used about the coining presses, and are worn entirely out of them. The sealing wax is used to seal the boxes of subsidiary silver coin sent out by Express. The sealing wax received from the Department was so very inferior that it could not be used for

of silver, but was used for the boxes, under strong protest from the box press company, as there was great difficulty in using it, and the seals crumbled away before the boxes reached their destination. When that supply ran out, I procured good wax here from time to time. It would be better policy if I was authorized to procure it in large quantities at wholesale prices.

The 1/2 ream foolscap paper August 29th, was procured and ruled and printed for Mr. H. B. Davis, Special Employee for the statistics he was compiling.

The French letter paper was for the special use of the Secretary, and will last him about five years. It is of a special

quality such as I procured for him some years ago.

The envelopes July 31, were for the use of the Cashier, in putting up the monthly pay of the employees. We were entirely out - the Department having only forwarded one fifth of my requisition - and as they were needed immediately, I sent out and got them. I may add that envelopes not used for correspondence are not properly considered under the head of "Station-ery."

The "blank books" and "account books" were such as the Department notified me they could not furnish, and directed me to procure them here.

The brings redemption book, August 20, was procured in an

emergency. We were almost out of certificates, and there being no certainty that they could be procured from Washington in time, a book was procured here for this occasion.

The inkstand and erasers July 28 were procured by the Treasurer without thank my thought, a liberty that will not be taken again.

The lead pencils Sept 27, were round pencils, which it was necessary to procure for the relief of our employees, the six numbered pencils furnished being served upon their fingers in counting, & particularly specified a certain number of round pencils in my requisition for the current six months, such were never sent. Many of those sent were of so

inferior quality. "The Tabers No. 2" were not fit to use. I believe in economy and endeavor to practise it. But it can scarcely be regarded as economical to purchase inferior articles merely because they are low in price. A poor article, such for instance as the sealing wax referred to, is dear at any price.

I have not intentionally disregarded the order of the Secretary with regard to stationery &c, nor transcended the discretion which I understood you to say was allowable in procuring some articles to meet current necessities, nor have I any desire to step outside the limits of prescribed regulations. But I should be glad to have a more definite understanding

of the existing relations between the Mint and the Bureau of Stationery.

A little more liberty allowed me in these purchases would I believe promote the general interest of the Government, as well as the Mint.

Will you please inform me for my guidance whether I am at liberty to report to you when a necessary supplies not suited to their purpose, or unfit for use? And when any portion of my semi-annual requisition is only partly filled, am I at liberty to make special requisitions from time to time for further supplies? I am in doubt on these points.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
B. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Jno. Elliott Supt

Nov 22 7

Sir:

I have to day forwarded to the Mint at Carson, by the Adams Express Co, as per the inclosed receipt, the following dies for the year 1878, in part of your requisition of the 19th of October, ultimo.

Gold Dollar	20	obverse	—
Half "	14	"	—
Quarter "	18	"	—
Double Eagle	14	"	16 Reverse
Eagle	5	"	5 "
Half Eagle	3	"	3 "

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Nov 23

Sir.

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury his draft of this date No. 40485, for the sum of $7,022 coin, on account of Parting, Refining and Bar Charges, which I will thank you to forward to its destination.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 24 7

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 22d inst. I herewith forward to you, through the Adams Express Co, for the Hon Horace B. Strait (M. C.) President of the First National Bank of Chickasaw, Minn. $10.00 in silver coin, the amount of his bill inclosed in your letter, for transportation paid by that Bank March 2d. 1877, on three bags of subsidiary silver coin from Chicago, Ill. to Chickasaw.

Very Respectfully

Hon.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Nov 24 7

Sir.

Inclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending November 24, 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pugh

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Nov. 26th 7

Sir.

Replying to yours of the 24th inst requesting a statement of the Trap and Well sweep, I have to inform you that the assayers are now engaged in making the assays, and state that the sweeps being very troublesome they will hardly be able to finish them before the last of the present week.

You shall be furnished with the statement as soon as completed.

Very Respectfully
J. H. Ellis
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Novr 24 7

Dear Sir

Our Assayer has a letter for you, inquiring on what terms the bullion from your Mine can be taken at the Mint.

As your gold and silver is stated to be mixed with lead, the latter must be first refined out. We constantly receive bullion from smelters, refined up to 999 thousandths, almost absolute purity. If it falls somewhat below, it is subjected to a Mint charge; and if leady and brittle, is neither fit for the Mint, nor for the bullion market. This will indicate what your Company has to do, in order to fit your bullion to be sent.

Respy Yours

Jas Pollock Supt

Wm M. Pegg Esqr
Treasurer

Nov. 26 7

Messrs W. W. Fisher & Co.

Gents

The piece of gold chain sent by you for assay, results —

thou
Fineness 396. equal to 9½ Karats.

Mint charge, $1.— paid.
Residue of chain returned.

Resply yours
Jas Pollard
Supt U.S.

226 Broadway
Providence.

Nov 27 7

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 26th inst. with its enclosures, I herewith remit the sum of $208, currency, the amount due Mr. M. B. Davis, Special Employé, for services during the current month November, as per bill rendered. Please send me of its safe arrival.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Nov 27 7

Sir.

I have appointed William R. Brinton, as a Laborer in the General department of this Mint, at $2.75 per diem, and Amos B. Sayres, as a Laborer in the same department, at $2. per diem, and submit the same for approval.

These appointments to take effect on Monday, December 3. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

John B. Brush Esq.
Cashier &c

November 27 /

Sir

Your four samples of silver (granules) have been assayed, and result as follows:

	Silver, thous.	Gold. thous.	Mercury thous.
"Bar 31"	583	1½	4
32	568	0½	2½
34	473	1¼	trace
35	511	1½	8

The remaining alloy is copper.

I may add, the silver is not in a condition for mint or market, without refining. The gold will also then pay for parting, except the second No.

The Mint charge is eight dollars, currency; which please send by P.O. Order, or check on N.Y.

Very respectfully

Oswego, Tioga Co. N.Y.

Jas. D. Cox Jr, &c

Nov 28 7

Sir

In compliance with instructions from the Director of the Mint, I herewith hand you for your information and guidance, a copy of additional instructions from the Director, under date of the 27th of November inst. relative to transfers of bullion to and from the Superintendent and Operative Officers of the Mint.

These instructions will take effect immediately

Very respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Prof. J. C. Booth
Melter & Refiner
U. S. Mint

Nov 28 1

Sir

In compliance with instructions from the Director of the Mint, I herewith hand you for your information and guidance, a copy of additional instructions from the Director, under date of the 27th of November inst. relative to transfers of bullion to and from the Superintendent and Operative Officers of the Mint.

These instructions will take effect immediately

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

D. C. Babcock Esq.
Coiner U. S. Mint
Philada

Nov 28 1

Sir

I herewith hand you for your information and guidance, a copy of additional instructions from the Director, under date of the 27th of November, inst. relative to transfers of bullion to and from the Superintendent and Operative Officers of the Mint

These instructions will take effect immediately

Yours respectfully

Superintendent

Mr H. S. Cochran
Weigh Clk
U S Mint

Nov. 28th 7

Sir

I enclose herewith Statement of Silver Bullion Purchased to the 26th inst. requested in yours of the afm said date

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC.

Nov 28 7

Sir

Your note of the 24th inst. enclosing letter of Mrs. Taylor on the subject of making fine mitts for Melter & Refiner, has been received.

As Mrs. Taylor has proposed to make them at 60 cts per pair, I have directed that price to be paid hereafter for gloves of similar character.

I will communicate with you more fully when I see you.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

J. A. Bowers
Asst

Nov—28 7

Sir.

I duly received your letter of the 27th inst, in reference to the price and quality of coal consumed at this Mint and have the honor to state in reply

1. That the contract for coal was awarded to the party now supplying us, only after sealed proposals had been invited, by letter, from the principal wholesale and retail coal dealers in this city and because he proved to be the lowest bidder.

2. I shall again, in December next, advertise according to the rule under which I have acted, invite

proposals from leading coal dealers for supplying coal to the Mint for the six months beginning January 1st, and shall award the contract to the lowest bidder, according to the quality, quantity, and delivery required.

8. The coal furnished under the contract was the Honeybrook and Broomall Ridge, of the best quality.

9. I have had coal weighed from time to time, without the knowledge of the contractor, and always found it overweight. I had four tons weighed yesterday, two of which were 126 lbs each overweight, and two of them 96 lbs overweight; the contractor knowing nothing of my instructions or of any doubt in any quarter.

My standing orders have been to weigh the coal with watchful vigilence, and my directions have been complied with. The Ton being in all cases 2240 lbs. The coal used each day in all departments of the Mint, will be weighed for ten weeks as requested, and the result reported to you.

5. There are no monthly auction sales of coal in Philadelphia such as are made in New York. The coal furnished by my contractor is delivered at the Mint, and I do not see how it is possible that the best quality of Lehigh or Nagel Town coal can be delivered at the New York Navy Yard, in such quantities as may be required from time to time, for $3.70 per ton

of 2240 lbs. It certainly could not be considered. There must be some extra charge for delivery or the Assay office must hand haul it delivered from the coal yard at its own cost and charges, and it is well known that there is a drawback of from 60 to 70 cts per ton on all coal shipped to New York.

6. As to the quantity used, you will remember that for a portion of the last fiscal year, the Mint was running up to 10 o'clock at night, the overtime amounting to nearly one hundred days; and the consumption of coal was correspondingly great, in all the departments.

7. It is my practice to try the market from time to time with regard to all of our import-

supplies, and I may safely say that there is no government institution in the country that is so close and economical a buyer as this Mint.

In inviting new proposals for coal, I shall of course, have the benefit of any decline in the market.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Lovett
Supt

Hon.
A. R. Lindeman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 20 7

Sir.

The coin you enclosed in your note of the 27th inst. is a New Jersey cent. There was a large number of these cents made, and are now quite common, bringing but a few cents a piece among dealers and collectors.

The issue of these coins was authorized by the Assembly of N.J. Oct 22. 1786. and were coined during the years 1786, 7 & 8.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Lowrie

Supt

Mr.
W. W. Eyler
Harrisburg
Pa

Nov 30 /

Sir.

Your letter of the 27th inst. communicating additional instructions relative to the receipt and transfer of bullion by and from the Superintendent and operative officers of the Mint, was duly received, and a copy delivered to the Melter & Refiner and the Coiner, as requested, and also to the Weigh Clerk, with direction to carry your instructions into immediate effect.

Very Respectfully

Dan Parrish

Supt

Hon.
A. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Nov 80 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 28th inst is received.

The Agent of the Adams Express Co. informs me that on the 26th inst, he forwarded $1742 gold coin to the Continental National Bank New York, on account of the City Bank of Atlanta.

I enclose the Mail Memorandum of your deposit No. 1637.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Cash

G L Jones Esq. Pres't
Atlanta
Geo.

Nov 30

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward Mr Mines Monthly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for November 1877.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Asst

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 20 "

Sir.

Your letter of the 28th inst. inclosing two drafts on New York for $8, and of $25 respectively, has been received.

The Mint will receive your silver dollars, and make it into fine bars for you, on the terms of the enclosed circular which and the only returns we can make. The Mint charges and deducted from the A[illegible]

The coinage of Trade Dollars has been suspended by the Secretary of the Treasury, and the law, and bars, quarters and dimes and made for U. S. Government only, and for private depositors.

I cannot fill your order for a silver medal for you do not say what medal you want, and I am obliged therefore to await further instructions. I retain your draft until I hear from you.

Very Respectfully
H. Ludlow
Lieut

Mr.
John R. Brooks, Esq.
Oswego
N. Y.

Nov 30 77

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $84,000 for the service of this Mint for the month of December, 1877, out of the following appropriations.

Salaries	$3,000
Wages	25,000
Incidentals	6,000

and submit the same for approval, and an early remittance of the amount required.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
W. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Nov 80

Sir.

Yours of the 27th inst. is received, and answers enclosed as requested.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Phillips
Supt

Chas. Phillips, Esq
Chapel Hill
N. C.

Nov-30 7

Sir.

Referring to your two letters (S. L.) of the 26th inst. herewith forwarded & of Nov-28, No 1203, for $2976 silver coin to your credit on currency transfer account, being the duties paid of $2228.88 and 81 silver dollars and 50 pieces, specified in your letters. Received with Memorandum No 70.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock

Cur

Hon.

Jas Gilfillan.

Treasurer U.S.

Washington

D.C.

Nov. 30th

Sir

I estimate the jurisdiction of the U.S. Assistant Treasurer at the close of business this day as follows. Viz:

Gold Coin in Bullion Fund	$	1.241.434.02
Gold Bullion	Do	815.680.12
Silver Coin	Do	381.839.54
Silver Bullion	Do.	817.972.25
Total Amount of	Do	$ 3.259.925.93

Very Respectfully

Jos. Roberts

Chief

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 30 7

Sir.

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result.

Gold	$2,128,629.24
Silver	384,975.58
Refining & Parting Dr.	389.44
Ordinary Dr. regular	5,496.46
Minor Coinage	52,060.87
" Coins Exchanged	4,817.57
" " Re-issued	6,000.00
" Coinage Redemption.	935.15
	$2,918,174.45

which corresponds with said

I also made examination
into the general condition
and operations of the Mint,
and the institution was found
to be in good working order,
and its business conducted in
a careful and satisfactory
manner.

Very respectfully
J. H. Pleasants
Supt

Hon.
R. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Decr 17

Sir

The 25c piece (herewith returned) is genuine, but struck with worn dies, and has a slight flaw which prevents sound. Struck at San Francisco (Letter S.)

Respy yours

Jas Pollock
Supt Mt

A. R. Wells Esq.
Minneapolis
Minn

Dec 1 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending December 1. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
S. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 1 7

Sir

Your postal card of Nov 28 th was duly received.

The Trade Dollar is not a legal tender, and has no fixed relation to the gold dollar. It is merely stamped bullion, in the form of coin, weighing 420 grains, 900 fine, and intended for the China and East India trade. Its value fluctuates in the market from day to day according to the demand for it. The Trade Dollar is the only silver dollar coined by the United States since the 1st of April 1873 at which time the coinage of the old silver dollar of 412½ grains ceased, by Act of Congress.

Silver bullion is and until

of commerce and the price fluctuates daily, according to the demand. It is controlled mostly by the London market. You will see the London quotations every day in the money articles of Public Ledger. Yesterday, Nov-30. it was 57 d. (gold) per ounce sterling, 925 fine.

The weight and fineness of all the issue of U. S. coins you will find on pages 44-46 of the Directors last annual report herewith sent you.

The English sovereign, or pound sterling, is worth $4.866½ in U.S. gold coin.

I enclose some Mint circulars for your information.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Mr. J. Norton,
Bridgeton, N.J.

Dec 9 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Official oaths of Wm R. Brinton, and Amos B. Sayres, Laborers in the general department of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

D. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

450½

Dec 8 /

Sir.

In compliance with your verbal request of Saturday, I find upon reference to the record that on the 24th of June 1874, I appointed N. B. Boyd, assistant in the Melter & Refiner, in pursuance of Prof. Brush's nomination dated the 22d of June, and on the 26th of June 1874, as appears by your letter to me of that date, you approved the appointment and informed me that a new bond would be required.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell

Director

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

P.S. A corrected bond will be forwarded as soon as it can be executed.

Dec 5

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward,

Statement of Minor coins Redeemed, Reissued and Destroyed during November 1877.

Also, for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Mint & Assay Operations during the same month.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Dec 7

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Office of the Asst Treasurer at Philadelphia, or elsewhere to this Mint, of Ten thousand dollars ($10,000) in redeemed one cent bronzed coins, to be cleaned and reissued. Our present supply is almost exhausted, while the demand continues without abatement.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Dirg

Hon. Jas. Gilfillan.
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Dec. 3d 7

Sir,

Yours of the 27th ult. received.

There have been no pattern pieces struck this year.

The time &c. of striking the new silver dollar, will depend on the Bill as it passes Congress.

So far, there have been no 3 and 5 ¢ Nickels struck this year, except as proofs; enough of former dates being redeemed to supply the demand.

No 20 ¢ pieces have been struck this year except as proofs, and are only to be had with the silver proof sets.

Mr. Chas. H. Bennett
Manchester
Mass.

Very respectfully
J. C. Booth
Sec't

December 3d 77

Sir;

I hand you herewith my a/c of Refinery Expenses for the Month of November 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Bruch

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Dec 4, 1877.

Gentlemen

Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned until Thursday Dec 20 1877, at 12 o'clock noon, for supplying Girard Coll. with anthracite coal, for the period of six months beginning January 1, 1878. The coal to be the best shipping coal from the Harleigh, Lehigh, Honey Brook or Council Ridge mines; 2240 lbs to the ton; and delivered at the Coll. yard or cellars, in such quantities as may be required from time to time. The amount used averages about four tons per day.

Messrs. Geo. B. Newton & Co.
330 Walnut St.

Very Respectfully
John Rhoads

Dec 4. 1877

The foregoing proposals for supplying the Mint with coal, were sent to the following dealers,

Wm. W. Keller.
Robt. Fulton.
Branson & Bro.
Chas. Bamburg.
L. L. Haupt.
J. K. Wright & Son.
Henry C. Pollard.
William Hill.
Ellis Branson.

WMP

Dec 4 7

Sir

I have received and accepted your proposal of the 6th inst. to contract for this Mint a first-rate Balance, of 10000 ounces capacity (5000 ounces on each side) of the most superior workmanship and in strict conformity with the U. S. Standard, for the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars ($1,500.00). You will therefore proceed to make and deliver the balance at your earliest convenience, subject to my examination and approval when delivered.

You will please procure (12) standard weights

five hundred ounces (500) each, at your offer of $2 p. per weight.

You will please also furnish two sets of standard weights, each from 500 ounces to the 1/100 oz. inclusive, at your stipulated price of one hundred (100) Dollars per set.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Henry Boehmer.
710 Market St.
Philadelphia.

Dec 5 7

Sir.

I received through the mails, November 30th, from an anonymous source, a half dollar, and a quarter dollar, with the printed advertisement of S. L. Corbin & Son, Book and Shoe dealers, Washington, Iowa, pasted on one side the exact size of the pieces

I submitted the pieces to and examined, to determine whether they had been otherwise defaced and rendered unfit for circulation. I thereupon forwarded Mr. Du Bois report on the subject, adding further that I

better device to conceal the cheating of coins could not well be devised.

I herewith endose the quarter dollar, from which the advertisement has been removed, and ask that we be allowed to retain the half Dollar as it is, to be added to our collection of specimens and manipulated pieces.

A legal remedy seems to be imperatively necessary for the prompt suppression of such a nuisance, and I earnestly urge such from the legislature as will cover this and all similar devices prejudicial to the integrity and free circulation of U. S. coins.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
W. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

D. 20 5

Sir

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, b/d. of this date, No. 4005; for $20120 coin, on account of Parting, Refining and Bar charges.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Reed
Supt

Hon.
J. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 5 7

Sir

I respectfully request that you will cause to be forwarded to this Mint two reams of white wrapping paper of the exact size and quality of the enclosed sample, for the use of the Coiners Department, as per the enclosed requisition from the Coiner, which I have approved.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Dec 6 7

Sir.

I enclose herewith a requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury for two reams white wrapping paper, like sample, and will thank you to have it forwarded to its proper destination with your approval.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
R. E. Lindeman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 6 7

Sir

Your letter of the 5th inst. has been received.

The Mint is not a banking or brokers office, but a coining institution; and the enclosed circulars will explain our mode of doing business. We do not "exchange silver coin for gold coin"

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock

Supt

W. J. A. Dugles. Esq.

Baltimore

Md

Dec 6 7

Sir.

In compliance with the directions contained in your letter of the 18th of October, ultimo, I herewith send you by the Adams Express box, six (6) silver pattern dollars of 412½ grains each, designed by our Engraver, Mr. Barber, and six (6) silver pattern dollars of the same weight, prepared by Mr. George Morgan, special Engraver.

I also send one of Mr. Barbers designs in copper, to show clearly the work on his dies, as those in silver are not brought up as satisfactorily as

could have been received.

I also forward for payment, bill of the boxes for the cubes used for this purpose; 108 ozs $12.85.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pope

Supt

Hon.

N. R. Lindeman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Dec'r 6 /

Mr Jonathan Keim

Dear Sir

The specimen you send is simply micaceous iron, very common, & of no value.

Respy yours

J. C. Booth
Supt

Pottstown
Pa

Dec 6 7

Sir

Your mineral sample is galena or sulphide of lead, a very abundant ore, & seldom made profitable.

Respy yours
Jas D Dana
Supt &c

Mr Alex M. Campbell
Columbia Bounds,
Shenandoah Co
Va

Dec 6 7

Sir

Circumstances compel me to again call your attention, urgently to the limited accommodations of this Mint for the storage of minor coins, that have been redeemed.

In the present crowded condition of our vaults it is very difficult to get a correct count, and it cannot be had at all, except by the handling of several hundred bags.

The transfer of $150,000 in 5¢ nickels to the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, who has now ample vault room in the basement of the Custom House

building, would relieve me for a time. I appeal to you earnestly to again call the attention of the Department to this matter, that the relief which is so necessary may be granted.

Permit me to again request that authority be granted to melt up the redeemed 1¢ nickels and old copper cents, which would afford additional relief.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon.
N. K. Lenderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

December 7th 7

Sir

In accordance with your instructions of November 23rd, I have had prepared, and forward herewith, copies of all the papers in relation to the recent purchase of Silver Bullion from the Nevada Bank, on which shortage is claimed.

The papers are as follows:

1. Invoices of each lot, from the Bank, giving their weight and fineness.

2. Letters and statements sent to the Bank of New York with the payment therefor, showing our weight and fineness.

3. Correspondence between Mr. Maclane and myself, concerning the alleged shortage; viz. his claim of Oct. 23rd, with a summary

of each invoice, and corrections of six (6) bars; — my rejoinder of Nov. 5th; and his reply of Nov. 13th, merely re=iterating the claim.

I also forward letter from Mr. Cochran, Assay Clerk, and Prof. Booth, Melter & Refiner, and a statement from the former officer, showing in brief the differences between the two institutions.

The state of the question is briefly as follows.

The original invoices from the Bank showed a weight of 1,002,010 $\frac{85}{}$ oz. gross.

The Mint ascertained the weight to be 1,002,035 $\frac{40}{}$ oz. gross, — an excess of 24 $\frac{55}{}$ oz. gross over the original invoices; and also found the fineness occasionally higher than invoiced. Consequently we found 217 $\frac{03}{}$ fine oz. more, and paid $256 $\frac{52}{}$ more than the Bank valuation. All this by comparison with the original invoices.

Subsequently Mr. McLane claimed to have discovered errors of 100 oz. gross in each of 6 bars, viz. 4 "short" of true weight and 2 "long," making a net shortage of 200 oz. gross; and called for payment accordingly for 175 45/100 oz. gross, being the difference between this correction of 200 oz, and the 24 55/100 oz. we had found over his first invoices.

These errors are alleged to be in his own invoices, and not in our statements. Even if we granted them to exist, the only result would be, that his amended invoices, instead of falling below the truth by 24 55/100 oz. as at first, would exceed it by the 175 45/100 oz. now claimed. In either case the true amount received here and paid for, would be the same.

We do not purchase by any seller's invoices, be they correct or erroneous, but by our own weight and fineness, as ascertained at the Mint by actual weighing and assay of every

bar separately. Our results, being attained independently of the invoices, are not affected by any blunders the seller may find in the papers drawn up by his clerks or the stamping done by his workmen.

Mr. MacLane simply calls upon the Mint to discredit its most careful and acknowledgedly accurate work, and admit his amended computation as the correct basis of settlement. Such a demand is clearly contrary to the terms of all Mint purchases, and cannot for a moment be entertained.

As a matter of fact, the Mint has credited the Bank with more than was received. In the hurry of endeavoring, by simultaneous weighing and assay, to oblige the Bank with prompt returns, certain assay slips, amounting to 27 71/100 oz., were weighed twice. The Mint therefore received only 1,002,067 69/100 oz. gross; but we waive the claim which we might make,

and credit the Bank with the full 1,002,035 40/100 oz. gross we reported. Beyond this we admit no error in our statements.

The original invoices fell short of the Mint weight by 24 55/100 oz. gross, as has been stated. To this, and nothing else, I alluded in my letter of Nov. 5th, informing Mr. McLane of "a real over-weight," as one of the causes bringing our valuation above his. I never admitted errors amounting to 200 oz. gross, in his favor: and even if I had admitted that the 6 bars mentioned were invoiced incorrectly, it would not have affected our statements, which are independent of the invoices.

In fact, of the 6 bars specified, we found one, #7808, invoiced at 1212 15/100 oz. gross, to weigh 1312 22 oz. There is no such number as #8754; if #8654 is meant, then all the 5 other bars show a close correspondence between the

invoiced and the actual weight; and in no other instance is there such a discrepancy as 100 oz, or anything at all approaching it. Further, in this one instance, as in all others, the Bank received credit for the true weight and not for that invoiced.

The discrepancies between the two were however not one, nor six only, but extremely numerous. They ranged from a fraction of an ounce up to 6 oz. or even more. And they were almost invariably in favor of the Bank, over-estimating the weight.

A further source of correction is mentioned by the Melter and Refiner, in the superficial impurities, slight in each case, but of considerable importance in the aggregate.

The one case of a large under weight in the invoices, and the few small ones were thus so counterbalanced by the numerous instances of over-weight, into

fully and satisfactorily account for the difference between the invoiced total, and the true total reported and paid for by the Mint.

I have followed Mr. McLane in discussing the gross weight. It would have been more correct if he had raised the question on the fine weight, which is the basis of payment. The gross weight is but one of the two elements entering into the fine weight, in the other, the assays, our results were, as already stated, slightly higher than his, and we gave him the full benefit thereof.

In conclusion I have merely to re-affirm the well-known and universally conceded accuracy and fairness of the Mint operations, and to claim that by the very terms of the contract they, and not the seller's invoices, are conclusive.

8.

And I am confident that you will maintain this position, in accordance with the invariable rule of the Government.

Very respectfully

J. A. Pollard
Superintendent

Hon. W. L. Lindeman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D. C.

Decem 7 7

Hon: A. R. Linderman
Director &c &c.

Sir

Our Assayer has to-day received a request from the Assayer at Helena, to put him in the way of getting some pipettes for humid assay. He sends the old style pattern. It seems a pity that he should not have the present improvements; and to save time, I ask at his expense, whether we shall fit out an apparatus, or whether your Bureau will attend to it; or what is best to be done. Perhaps he has already the various parts, except the pointed pipette. I guess he does.

Very respectfully
your ob't serv't
Jas. P. Kimball
Supt

Dec 7 /

Fifty cents, returned for a
burnt piece, to Jacob Daniels.

Jno. Elliott
Supt.

Mr Jacob Daniels
care
Carolina Nat. Bank
Columbia
S. C.

Decr 7th

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to forward my account of "Ordinary Expenses" for the month of November 1877.

Very Respectfully

H. H. Bruch
Supt.

Hon. H. L. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Dec 8 7

Sir,

I herewith forward by Express Ninety (90) dollars, currency, for Mr. A. B. Davis, special employé, the amount of his approved bill for expenses for the month of November, ultimo, inclosed in your letter of the 7th inst. I will thank you for an acknowledgement of its receipt.

Very Respectfully

Jas Powell

Lieut

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Dec 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward,

1. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during November 1877.

2. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the month of November 1877; and Coin manufactured during the same month.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington.

Dec 8

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending December 8. 1877.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Dec 8

Sir.

I regret to report the death on the 20th of November ultimo, of Miss M. A. Cattell, who has been employed for a number of years past in the Coining Room, and was one of our most exemplary and faithful employees.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ross Snowden
Supt

Hon.
A. R. Boileau
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

485½

Dec 8 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 4th inst has been received to day.

The Mint does not Rate Gold Dollars, nor exchange them for currency. They only make them for deposites of Silver bullion, and just now are not making any at all, their coinage having been suspended by the Secretary of the Treasury

You can procure any 100 Gold Dollars of Bankers in this city, for $100 in currency, but you would have to pay the express charges.

Very Respectfully

Mr. Peter Borgud. Alexis. Ill.

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Lib 10

Sir,

You will please to deliver to the Director of the Mint, twenty (20) silver impressions of each of the designs prepared by Mr. Morgan, weighing 412½ grains, and accompanied by your bill for the same contained in them.

You will be particular to select from these specimens and strike of those designs, in either silver or copper, except by authority of the Director through this office; and you will keep accurate records of the number struck, and the disposition made of them.

I am Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
J. W. Ellsworth Supt

J. L. Boudyshell, Esq.
Denver.

Decr 10 /

Mr P. B. Hutchison

Dear Sir

The mineral sample sent by you, has been assayed, and found to contain no gold or silver. We do not assay for other metals.

1st class 75. — Paid.

Yours &c

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Jas. P. Leeds
Supt

Dec 10 7

Sir

The ore by the Adams Express has referred to in your letter of the 21st of November ultimo, was duly received, and has been carefully assayed, and I herewith enclose the Assayers report of the result

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Dec 10th 7

Sir.

I herewith enclose you a communication from Prof. Booth, Melter & Refiner, setting forth the result of the Assays of the Scraps called for in your letter of the 24th ult.

Very Respectfully

J. Pollock

Supt.

Hon. A. K. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 11 7

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 1st of December, inst, I herewith enclose duplicate b/d of the 10th inst, No. 4059, in your name, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia to the credit of the Treasurer U. for the sum of $6604.22 com, proceeds of the two unparted gold bars specified in your letter. The original b/d has been forwarded to the Director of the Mint, as requested. There is no triplicate.

I also enclose Mint Memo. -dum

No. 1702.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

H. Silver Esq
Secretary in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver.
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Dec'r 11

Dear Sir,

The most direct way of replying to your inquiry, is to give the quantity of fine silver, in the Canada 25 c., & in ours, for comparison. They vary in weight, and in fineness; but when both to fine silver, the comparison is complete. The Canada piece contains 83.5 grains fine; our piece 86.3 grains fine. This answers your question.

Again, our 25 c. is good for that much, at the Mint, & elsewhere; but the Canada 25 c if sold here, say at 120 cents per ounce fine sold would bring only 20.9 cents, sold; making the difference still wider.

Respy yours
Jas. Pollock
Supt

John G. Henderson, Esq
Harrisburg Pa

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Dec 11 77

Sir.

By request of A. Silver, Esq, Assayer in charge of the Mint at Denver, I herewith forward Draft of the Director, in his name No. 4059, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. for the sum of $660.92 cents, on account of deductions on bullion at that Mint, for the Third Quarter of 1877, and moneys accruing in fiscal year ending June 30. 1877.

Very Respectfully,

J. C. Ellyson

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint.

Dec 11 7

Sir:

The enclosed communication from Mr. Boyster, Redemption Clerk, complaining of the severe reduction in his salary, although charged with all his usual duties and responsibilities, and desiring that it be restored to the original amount $2,000. I forward for your consideration and such favorable action as may be practicable.

If his salary can be increased to $1,800. or $2,000. the advance will meet my approval.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Very Respectfully
Jno. Cowell

Dec 11th

Sir.

Your letter of the 8th inst has been received.

We have all the coins you mention in our Mint collection, and therefore are not said to purchase any of your coins.

You could probably sell your collection to Coin dealers or collectors. I enclose a card of a dealer in this city.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr.

Geo Seibick

Pittsburgh

Pa

Dec 12th

Sir.

I have received by Adams Express Co, a letter purporting to come from Jones U.S. at Boston, Mass. 1787, said to contain $85. coins unfit to be reissued, without any other advices on subject, one not knowing more than I have, or what I do with them. I will thank for such further information regard to them, as it may be your pleasure to give.

Very Respectfully

Asst Treas U.S.
Boston, Mass.

Dec 12 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 11th inst. with regard to the omission on the rolls of the promotion and increased compensation of A. W. Hunter, from Laborer to Carpenter on the 1st of August last, has been received.

This omission occurred through some inadvertance in making up the rolls. The error will be corrected on the rolls for the current month, December.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Gold	$ 1. 148, 778, 76
Silver	828, 593. 46
Notes	87. 388. 23
Minor Coins	9. 506. 00
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